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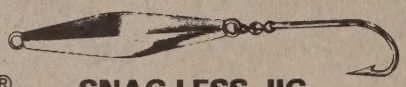

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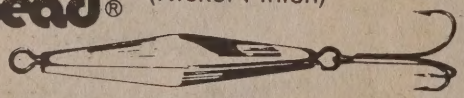

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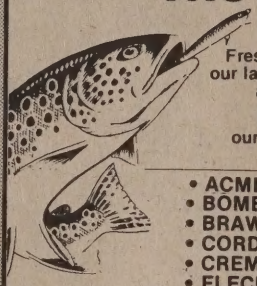

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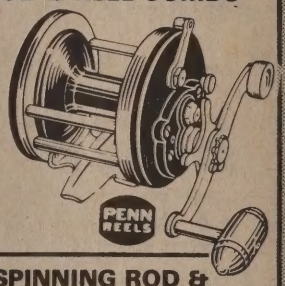

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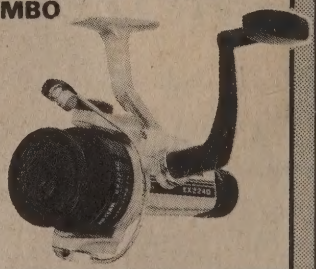

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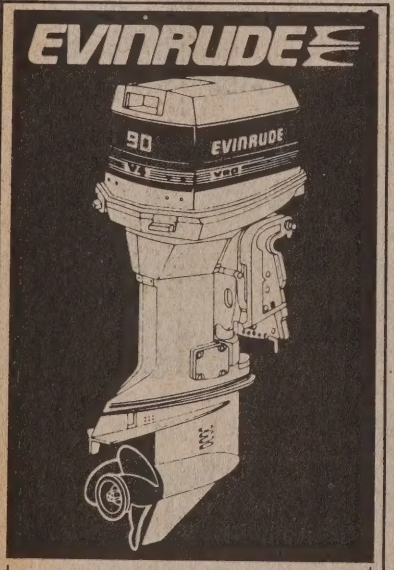

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For further information, call Suffolk Marine, 45 Willow, Babylon, NY, (516) 669-0907.

ATLANTIC BILLFISH PLAN PUT ON HOLD

Atlantic billfish conservation has run up against its first hurdle in the latest effort to implement a fishery management plan. The Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf and Caribbean Councils have reached agreement on measures necessary to protect the valuable recreational fisheries for marlins and sailfish in their areas, but the council representing New England, where billfishing is relatively minor, is holding out. Commercial interests on that council, which have a decisive 8 to 2 advantage over other interests, object to provisions designed to prohibit commercial fishermen from possessing and/or selling incidentally-caught billfish.

The billfish committees of the five councils met in joint session in Miami on January 28 and 29 to vote on the specifics of the Atlantic billfish plan. They were unanimous in supporting a ban on the use and possession of drift entanglement nets in federal waters and on a data collection system based on mandatory reporting of catch by commercial vessels and recreational billfish tournaments. They also agreed on the concept of minimum size restrictions for billfish with the exact weight limits for white marlin, blue marlin and sailfish to be worked out by council staff later. They hit a snag, however, on the proposals to outlaw the sale of billfish (except for the traditional Caribbean handline fishery) and to forbid commercial fishing vessels from retaining billfish caught in the course of fishing for other species.

The New England Council said it could not support these measures because they discriminate against one group of fishermen in favor of another. The other four councils countered that giving billfish game fish status was necessary to curtail the developing commercial market for marlins in New England and elsewhere and that to allow the possession of billfish by vessels carrying commercial gear would seriously hamper their ability to enforce other provisions of the plan. The councils, obviously at an impasse, left Miami with the understanding that New England would be given the opportunity to devise an alternate regime for its region to be submitted for consideration by all five at the next intercouncil session.

This turn of events is extremely disappointing, first because the New England Council's position is ill-founded and secondly, because it will mean further delays in plan development, pushing the date of its implementation even further into the future. And two more prodigious hurdles lay ahead for the billfish plan, ones that will require, at the very least, strong intercouncil unity to overcome. These will be getting the Department of Commerce to drop its resistance to preventative measures and approve a ban on drift nets, and the State Department to permit additional restrictions on foreign tuna longliners killing billfish in U.S. waters as part of an amended Atlantic swordfish plan.

THANKS FROM L.I.B.B.A.

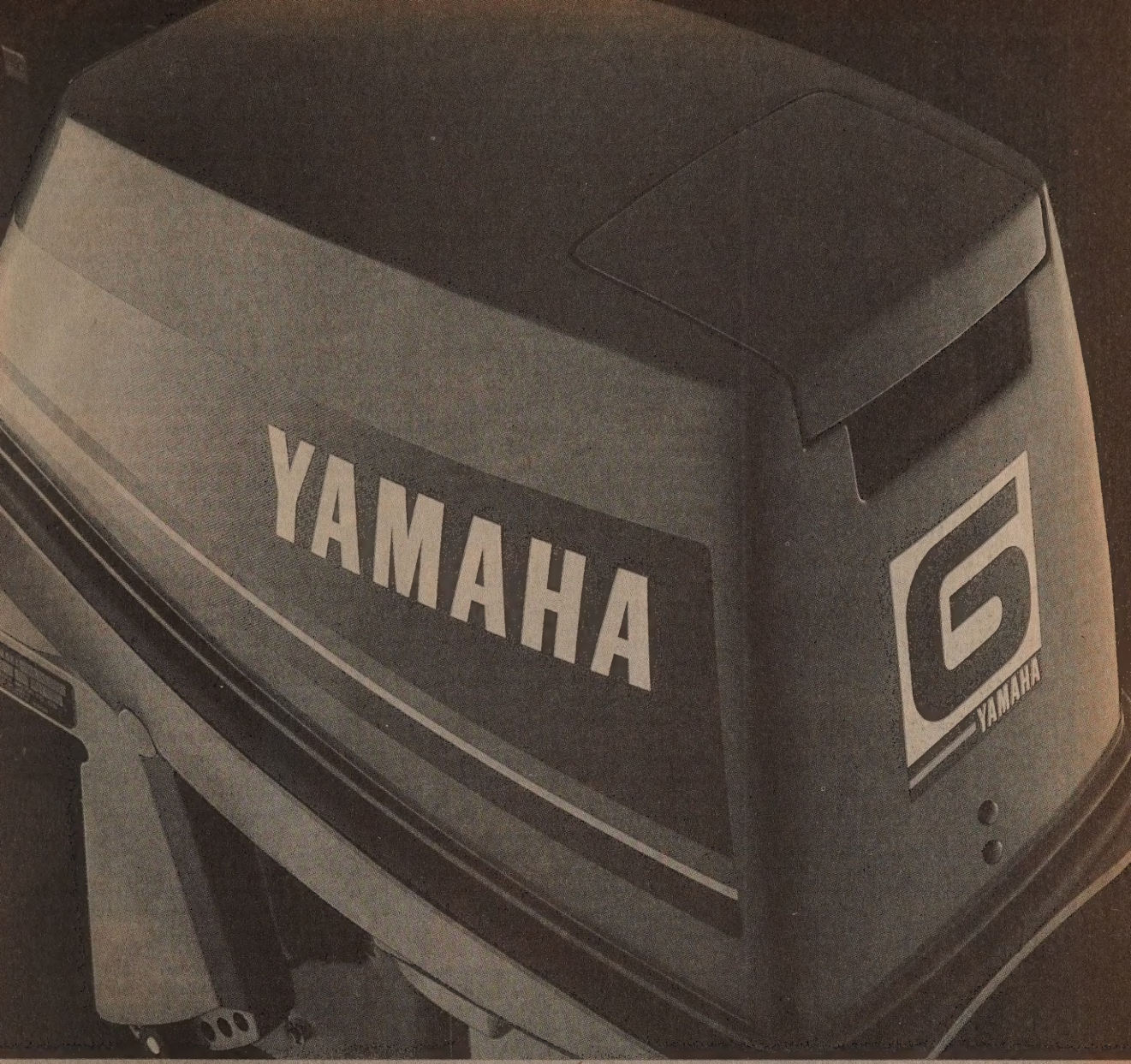
The Long Island Beach Buggy Association and New York State Department of Parks and Recreation wish to thank those individuals who participated in Operation Xmas Tree. Without your help we couldn't have made it. We sincerely hope to see you next year so we can again save our beaches from erosion.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION SEEKS IDEAS FOR NATIONAL RECREATION POLICY

The President's Commission on Americans Outdoors is looking for a few good ideas and is asking recreation experts and the public for help to find them. The 15 commissioners want to open their doors to good ideas from any source, while conducting nationwide hearings on recreation issues in preparing a report to the President on recreation policy. Commission staff are accepting "concept papers," which are short papers outlining new ideas for recreation policy. New ideas gleaned from the concept papers will go before the commissioners for discussion.

Concept papers give every American a chance to tell the commission their ideas, commission executive director Victor Ashe said. "Hearing testimony and special studies comprise a key part of the information and idea bank the commissioners will use. Concept papers open the door for people who cannot get to a hearing, and to average Americans."

"When the commission makes recommendations to the President in



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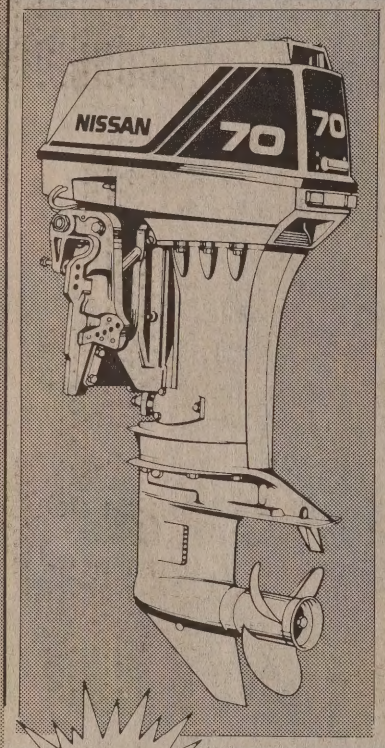

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If you should have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact Al Miller at (516) 691-4328.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Awards dinner was held at the Salty Bay Yacht Club in Freeport on February 8, 1986. The food, drink and music was great and a good time was had by all.

Now, an awards dinner should have awards, and that it did. Ashley Fulton III won the Captain's award. This is the second year in a row for Ashley. Ashley also won outstanding fisherman of the year. First runner up was Neil Rose. Second runner up was Donald Granger. Well done guys! Awards were also given for largest fish of a species. Flounder, Neil rose, 3.4; bonito, Ron Dierlam, 8.12; blue shark, Don Granger 117 lbs.; hammerhard shark, John Oppenheimer 153 lbs., fluke, Neil rose, 7.10; blackfish, Ashley Fulton III, 5.3; codfish, Neil Rose 19.8; bluefish, Allen Rosenthal, 17.8; weakfish, Ashley Fulton III, 8 lbs.; black seabass, Hal

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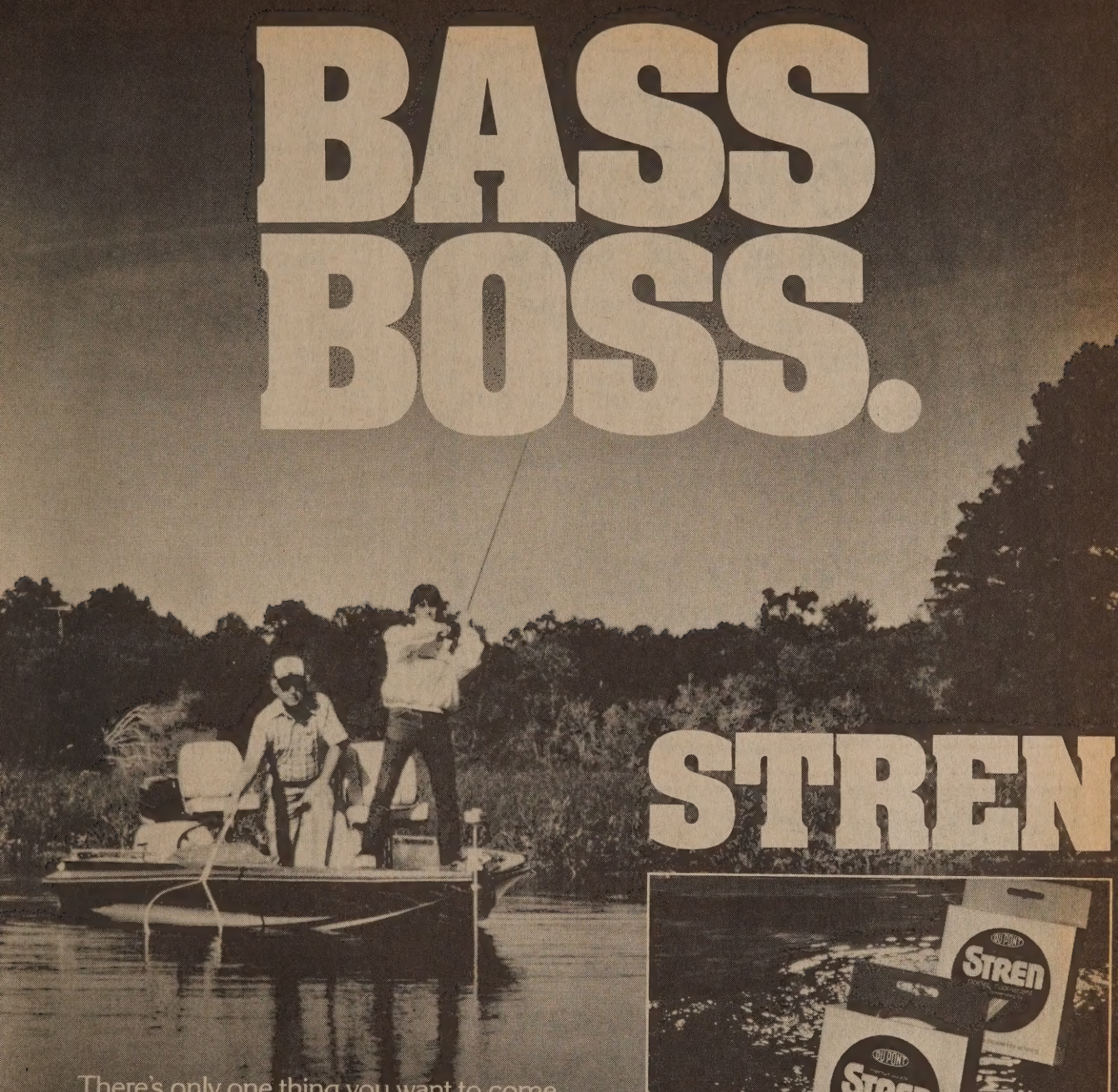

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Eisenbaum, 3.8. Good show.

Awards were also given to Associate members for largest fish of a species. Flounder, Judy Sternberg, 2.10; blue shark, Steven Zaretsky, 85 lbs.; fluke, Brian Smith, 4.8; blackfish, Brian Smith 3.14; bluefish Steven Zaretsky, 17.14; black seabass, Richard Rose, 2.8 and last but not least July Sternberg also caught a 2.8 black seabass.

HAMPTON SURF CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The Hampton Surf Club will hold their annual Awards Dinner, April 11, 7:30PM at John Duck's Restaurant in Southampton. An array of prizes will be awarded to last year's successful anglers. Cost of the affair will be $18 and guests are welcome.

LEPPER STEPS UP TO LARGER BOAT

Captain Ron Lepper of the charter boat, Kim, who has been fishing Long Island and New Jersey waters for over 40 years, has announced the purchase of a new 32 ft. diesel sportfisherman.

Over the years, Ron has brought many record size fish to gaff, including a 1000 lb. giant tuna, sharks over 800 lbs., and more than 30 striped bass over 50 lbs. He was also one of the first captains to successfully charter to the Hudson Canyon. The Kim fishes for a variety of species, including striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, fluke, flounder, mackerel, sharks, fall blacks and giant tuna (July at Montauk; September and October at our Mud Hole west).

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Sosin is a highly respected full-time outdoor writer with several books to his credit. He is Fishing Editor of *Sports Afield*, Editor-at-Large for *Saltwater Sportsman* and a contributing editor to several other publications.

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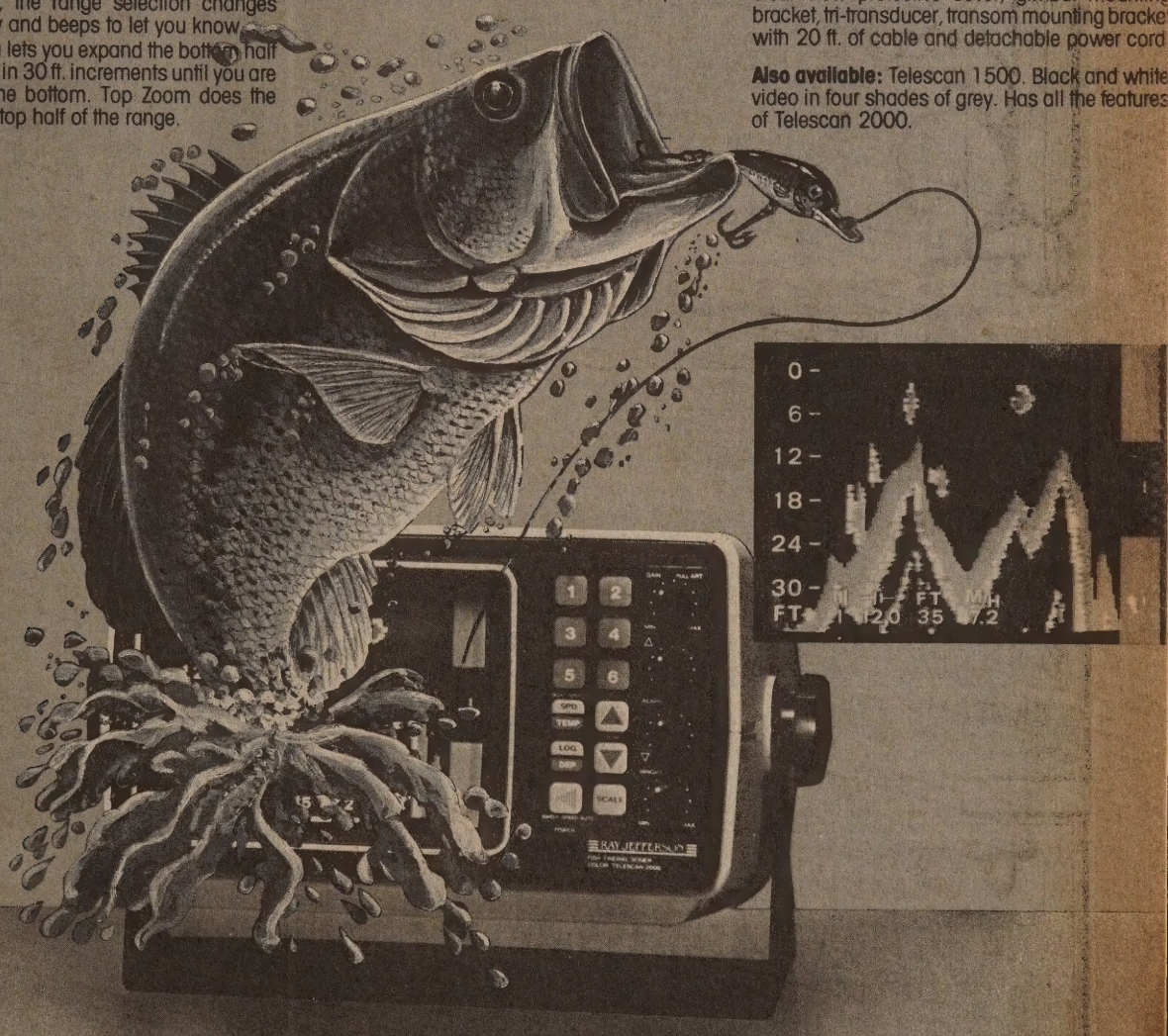

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1) Sayville Mill Pond *Islip: north of Montauk Highway, Sayville*	RT	—	500	—
2) Avon Manor Pond *Babylon: near Amityville High School*	RT	300	—	—
3) Canaan Lake *Brookhaven: along Ohls Street, North Patchogue*	RT	—	900	—
4) Carlls River (P949-946) *North Babylon: between Belmont Lake & Southard Pond*	BT/RT	200	100	—
5) Carlls River (P946-943) *North Babylon: below Southards Pond*	BT/RT	400	50	—
6) Carlls River (P943-946) *North Babylon: above Sunrise Highway*	BT/RT	200	350	—
7) Carlls River (T3) *North Babylon: eastern tributary south of Sylan Road*	ST/RT	100	100	—
8) Carmans River (P855-856) *Brookhaven: between Upper & Lower Lakes in Yaphank*	RT	150	150	—
9) Carmans River (LIRR-P855) *Brookhaven: Southaven County Park, Yaphank*	BT/RT	—	300	350
10) Carmans River (P853-LIRR) *Brookhaven: Southaven County Park, Yaphank*	RT/BT	1000	900	500
11) Carmans River *Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge to T-1*	BT/ST	—	1500	—
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13) Lower Lake *Brookhaven: Yaphank along Yaphank Middle Island Road*	RT	1200	900	—
14) Upper Lake *Brookhaven: Yaphank along Yaphank Road*	RT/BT	—	500	500
15) Southard's Pond *Babylon: along Alexandria Street in park*	RT	—	400	—
16) Kahlers Pond *Brookhaven: Route 27A, East Moriches*	RT	600	—	—
17) East Lake *Brookhaven: along Lake Drive, East Patchogue*	RT/BT	—	900	—
18) Nissequoge River *Smithtown: tidal waters north of Jericho Turnpike*	RT/BT	500	—	500
19) Swan River *Brookhaven: below Sunrise Highway in Patchogue*	BT	200	200	100
20) West Lake *Brookhaven: off West Main Street in Patchogue*	RT/BT	—	1600	—
21) Randall Pond *Brookhaven: Randall Road in Ridge*	RT	—	300	—
22) Champlin Creek *Islip: north of Sunrise Highway*	ST	—	100	100
23) Laurel Lake *Southold: north of Route 25 in Laurel*	BT	600	—	—
24) Orowoc Creek *Islip: north of Sunrise Highway*	ST	150	—	150
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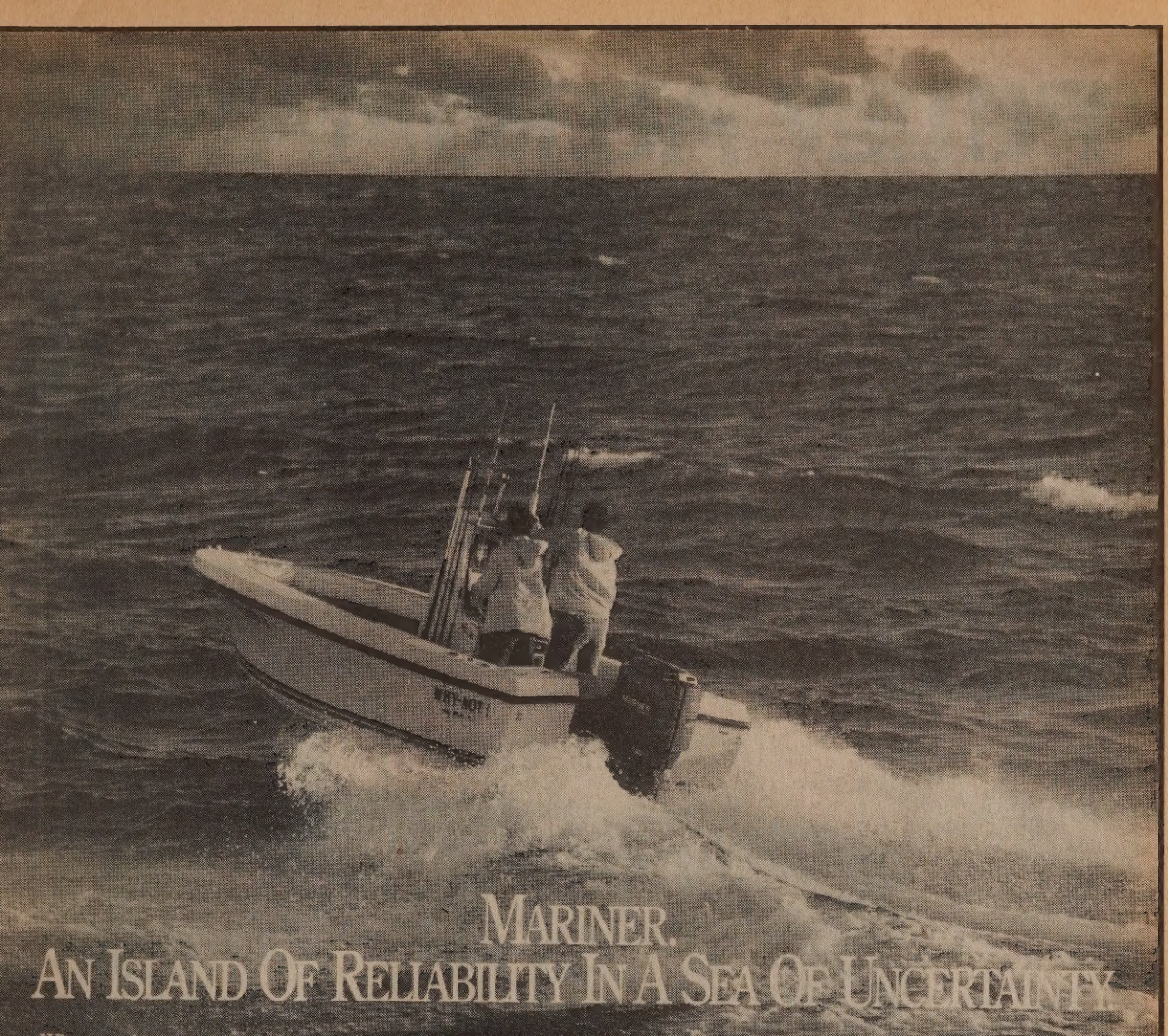

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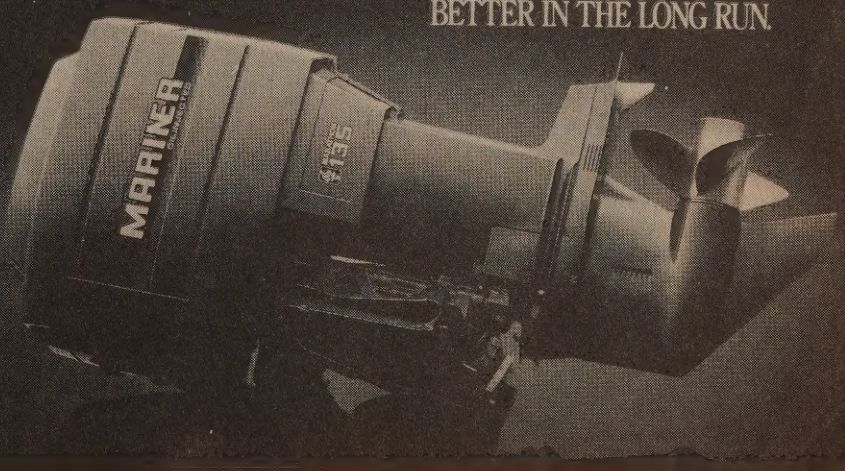

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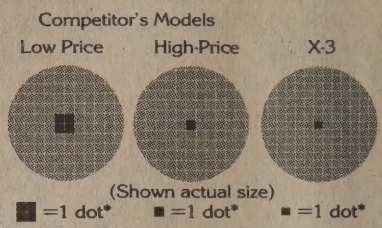
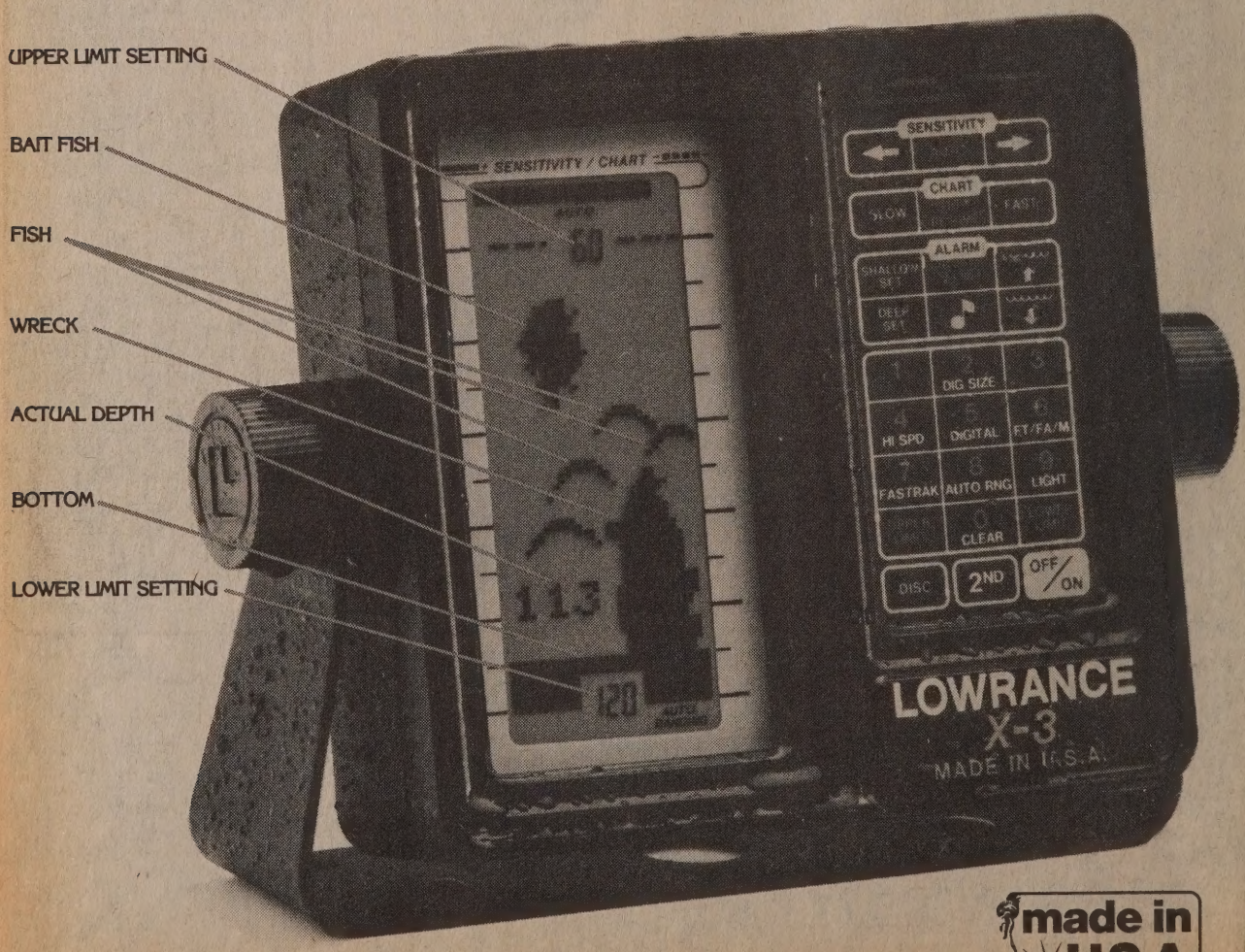


Plus, the X-3 has an infinite number of depth ranges and zooms, compared to just four predetermined ranges on their models. Together, these ranging and dot density differences give the X-3 up to 70 times more image detail than the competition!



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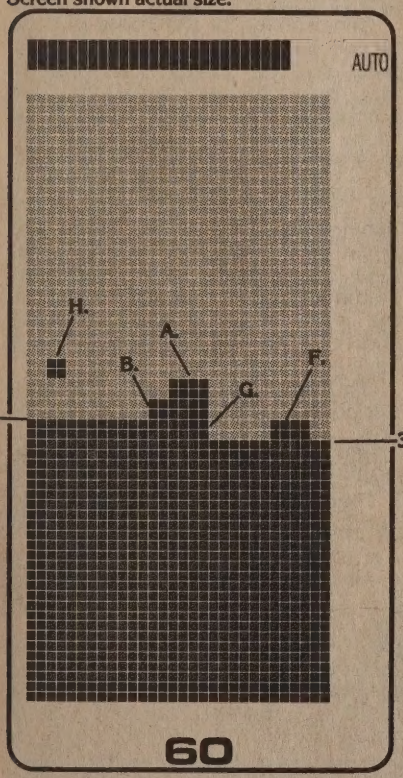
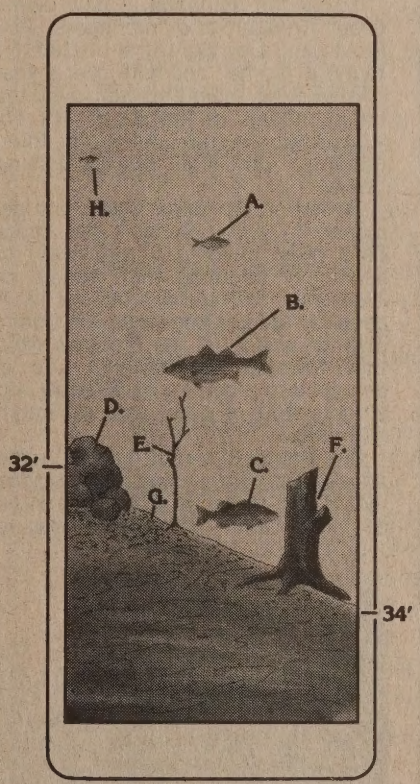


- **A.** Small fish lights two dots. Blends with large fish (less than 4′ apart).
- **B.** Large fish lights three dots. Blends into bottom (less than 4′ from bottom).
- **C.** Medium fish does not show (less than 1′ above bottom).
- **D.** Rocks do not show (less than 1′ above bottom).
- **E.** Small tree does not show.
- **F.** Tree stump.
- **G.** Coarse display fails to show true bottom depth and contour.
- **H.** Minnow lights one dot* (Four squares).

Artist's rendering of a typical underwater landscape. Area shown is from 26′ to 36′. Bottom slope runs from 32′ to 34′.



- **A.** Small Fish
- **B.** Large Fish
- **C.** Medium Fish
- **D.** Rocks
- **E.** Small Tree
- **F.** Tree Stump
- **G.** Bottom Slope
- **H.** Minnow

The same scene depicted by the new Lowrance X-3 liquid crystal graph shows 35 times better picture detail.
Depth Range: 26 to 36 feet (zoom feature).
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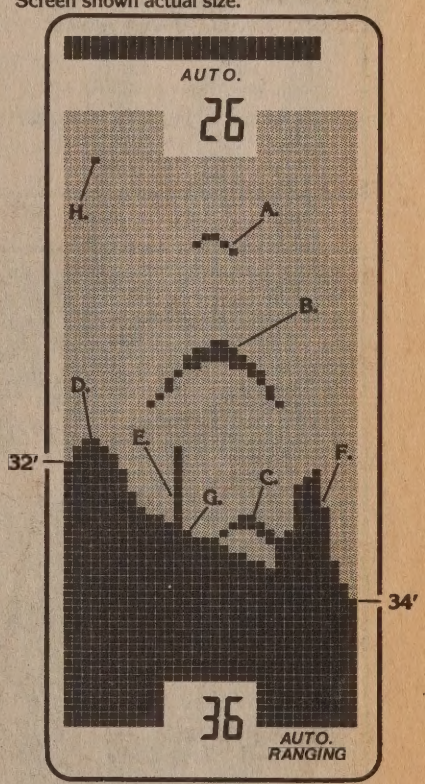

- **A.** Small Fish
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- **G.** True Bottom Contour
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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:
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by Pete Barrett

The American International line of 20 to 26 foot center consoles represent a decade of changing fortunes marked by continued improvement of the line. Originally marketed under the North American name, the latest management took over from Trojan Yacht when that company planned to leave the small boat market.

Under the guidance of new owner Greg Krueger and managers Ron Pickle and Don Seith the boats have found a "home" and with over a year of marketing under their belts with the latest models in the series, it's obvious that the new American Internationals are high quality fishing boats.

Based on the Delta Conic hull designed by Harry Schoell, the boats have been building a reputation of sea-kindly handling that owners of American International believe in. A deep foward vee known as the Conic, extends about 1/3 the distance from bow towards the transom and is designed to provide a clean entry and smooth flow of water with minimum hull drag.

The Delta portion of the hull is the aft section with a constant deadrise that is fast to get on plane and stays on plane with no wasted engine power. The deep vee Conic entry slices into the sea, cutting through rough water so the Delta section can skim along with speed and stability.

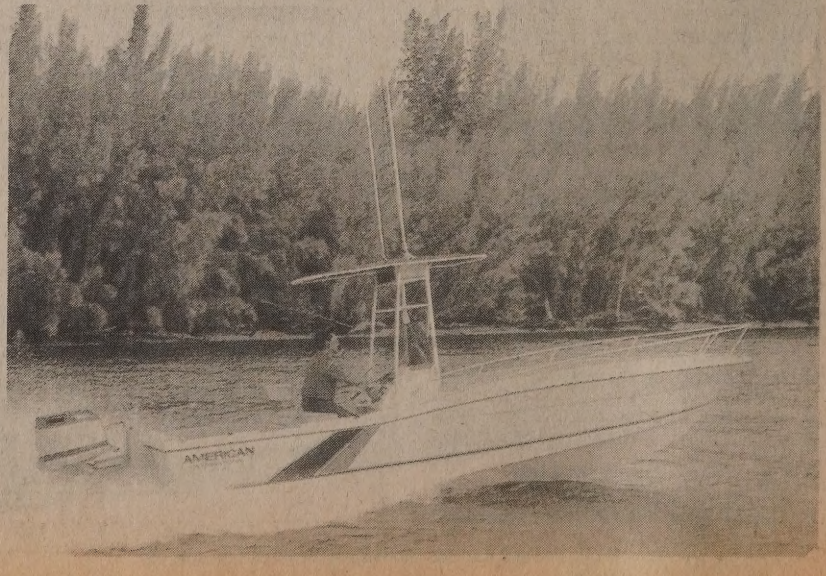
Wide chines extend from bow to stern and complement the deep vee by not interfering with the smoothness of the ride, but giving a stable ride at running speeds and while at rest or while drifting.

Construction of the boats is done by the famous Pearson Yacht Company, so high quality is assured. In fact, the American Internationals are among the best finished boats to be found. The gel coat finish, fit of hull to deck and all molded parts is faultless.

My own firsthand experience with the C-22 was gained while shark fishing along the Jersey Coast and again in another C-22 in the Florida Keys. Both boats were remarkably stable and rarely rode hard except in the worst of chop when anything short of a 100 foot motor yacht would have had a hard time.

Stainless hardware is used throughout the C-22 including the bow rail, console rail, hawse pipes, cleats, lift eyes, anchor hawse and steering wheel.

There's a lot of freeboard all around and the gun'ls are wide for mounting



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outriggers, flush mount rod holders and downrigger pads. Beneath the gun'ls are teak rod holders holding up to 4 rods per side.

The bow deck is raised from the main cockpit and has a huge built-in fish box with overboard drain. With drain plugged it affords dry storage for a truck load of gear. Few center consoles have fish boxes that come near the size of this one! The anchor locker is fairly large and will hold a small Danforth and up to 400 feet of rode.

The console is laid out very well with plenty of room to mount electronics. The windshield is just below eye level so it doesn't interfere with visibility, yet it blows wind from high speed runs up over the captain's head. A padded forward seat opens into a cooler. The steering wheel is mounted to center with space to starboard for dual controls if twin engines are planned for power.

All gauges and instruments are mounted on a sloping panel that is quick to read with a fast scan of the captain's eye. Flat surfaces on each side of the compass are large enough to hold a recorder or LCR and a Loran like the Si-Tex 797 style.

The aft side of the console has a louvered teak door for access into the console. A shelf provides mounting space for a VHF and/or CB and stores small items like rigging tools, pliers, knives and first aid kit.

A single helm seat is standard, but two recent display boats from the factory had bench-type seat with teak trimmed folded back rest. This seat obviously adds a generous amount of storage. Additional options like a rocket launcher seat or a tackle locker could also be added.

Rigged with a T-top and radio box, the factory display boat was a sharp looking skiff. Outriggers were mounted atop the Tee as were the anchor light, Loran and VHF antenna. This system affords complete 360 degree walkaround fishing room.

The deck surfaces are non-skid, as would be expected and the boat sits so that water drains to the transom and out the scuppers.

Rated for a maximum of 200 hp, the C-22 will exceed 45 miles per hour with this size engine. A 150 hp engine would be on the small side for ocean running but adequate for bays. Many anglers will opt for a 175 or 185 power plant as a nice middle ground for good speed and fuel economy. The C-22 is also available with Sea Drives.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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PFLUEGER MEDALIST REELS

by Gary Diamond

Three decades ago, when I was first introduced into the world of fly fishing, the name "Pflueger Medalist" always stood for quality in fly reels. The same simplistic yet reliable reel is still marketed under the same name today, but is now owned by the Shakespeare Corporation which has been manufacturing quality fishing tackle since 1897.

Although little has changed in the basic design of the Medalist series of fly reels, the reasons behind their reliability are obvious. For those of us who demand a fly reel balanced to the rod, the Medalist has developed single action reels in seven sizes to handle line weights up to number 12, yet still hold a sufficient amount of backing. In order to achieve this, the spool and frame are constructed of high strength aluminum alloy. For added strength, the shaft and line guards are made of stainless steel.

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Drag systems are an important part of any reel. The adjustment must be precise and Medalist has accomplished this by utilizing a small spring in combination with its externally mounted, adjustable drag. The spring applies tension evenly to the spool which allows line to flow smoothly from the single action reel. In addition, the clicker is permanent which prevents backlash when those larger fish make a quick run for cover.

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There are seven models of Medalist reels to choose from. The 1494 and 1492½ are ideally suited for small stream fishing and balance well with size 4 to 6 weight lines. Size 1495 and 1495½ are better matched for larger rivers and lakes, handling line weights up to number 8. Saltwater enthusiasts prefer the 1498 which allows the angler to handle larger lines from size 10 to 12. This particular model has accounted for some huge tarpon, barracuda and permit over the years in Florida waters and striped bass up North. The ultralight buffs now have two tiny versions of Medalist to select from: models 1492 and 1492½ for trout and panfish.

Because a significant number of fly anglers are not right-handed, all Medalist reels other than the ultralight models are reversible. By removing two small screws in the clicker assembly and turning the plate over, the reel converts to left-handed. The job takes less than five minutes to complete.

My own experience wih Medalist was nearly three decades ago when the only fly rods were constructed from laminated bamboo. Pflueger was making Medalist reels at the time and although my casting expertise left something to be desired, I was confident that one day I would master the art of fly fishing and compete with legends such as Joe Brooks and Lefty Kreh. Although most of my fly fishing is now done in saltwater and I still have a long way to go in order to catch up with Brooks and Kreh, my Medalists have provided unequaled service for more years than I would like to remember and have been responsible for hooking up with a substantial number of huge fish.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

My father is getting a 17 foot boat much like a 17 foot Mako. It's powered by a completely rebuilt 40 hp 1974 Evinrude. It has only two hours on it since being rebuilt. I'd like to try for weaks and bluefish around the Inlet and no more than 4 miles out for the bluefish. Is it safe for a boat this size to go a few miles in the ocean on a calm day? If it isn't safe then my father would fish inside the Bay and around the Smith Point Bridge. Are there any notable weakfish or bluefish spots in these areas? What kind of fishing equipment is needed? I'm only a kid of 14. I have around $70 to buy the tackle, in addition to owning a Daiwa solid fiberglass 6 foot heavy 20 to 40 lb. rod, matched with Penn Jigmaster 500, spooled with 30 lb. test. I also have a fly rod and reel combo.

Joseph C. Caruso.

Dear Joseph,

There is no reason why you can't take the 17 foot boat outside the inlet, providing you pick your days with weather conditions in mind and keep an eye on sea conditions while you are fishing in case you have to head back in a hurry. You can catch fluke, blues and some weakfish in the area you mention. For these fish, you will want to to with tackle that is lighter than what you now have. I'd check out some tackle shops for a medium weight spinning or plug casting outfit that is rated to handle up to 3 ounce weights. Any quality rod in the 6½ to 7 foot range should fit your needs. When it comes to reels, you can get a decent model for under $40 that will cover most inshore fishing situations. Go with one of the big names: Penn, Daiwa, Shimano or Shakespeare and you can't go too far off base. If possible, buy the rod and reel at the same time so you can match them up for weight and balance.

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Dear Doc,

I would appreciate any information on a catalog or even a poster display for Mustad hooks. What I am after is something that shows Mustad hooks in actual size. I would even appreciate the address of the Mustad Company so I could contact them.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

Craig Tessitore.

Dear Craig,

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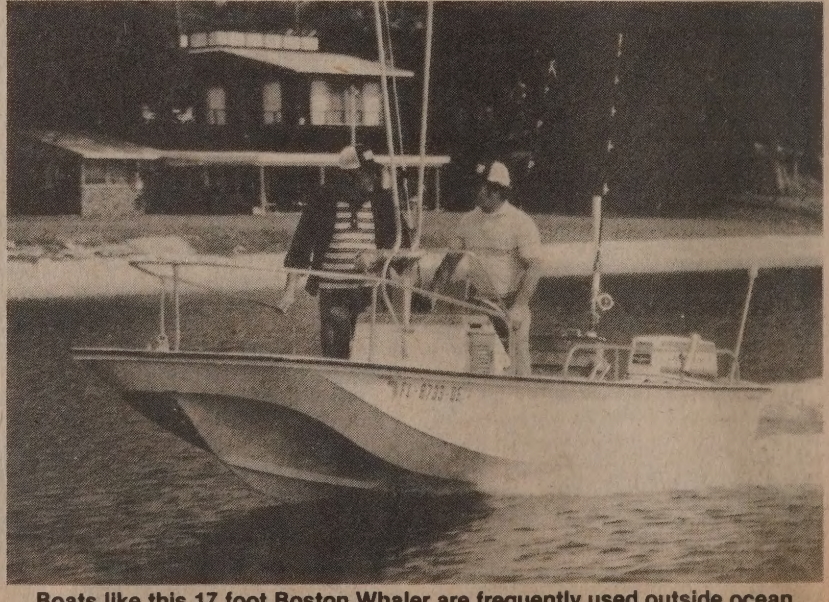

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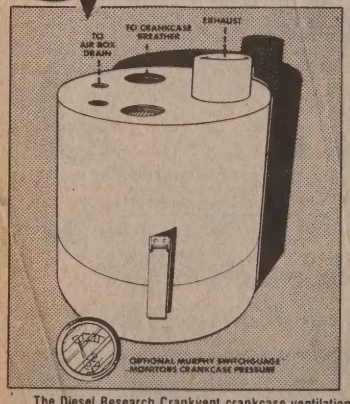

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Dear Doc,

I've had a question on my mind for awhile now and I'm hoping you can give me an answer. About a year and a half ago, I purchased a bottle of Saltwater Fish Formula hoping it would improve my catches. I fish mostly for fluke and flounder in local waters. After I tried fishing with the formula sprayed on live and dead bait, I came to the conclusion it does nothing! In return, I had Keeper Bait Company refund my $9. Have you ever had any success with Fish Formula, Berkley Strike or any of the other scent type formulas that are being marketed locally? *Larry Feldman.*

Dear Larry,

Our use of the fish formula type scents has been rather limited. We have tried the Saltwater Fish Formula when trying for fluke and could see no visible evidence that the formula improved our catch. However, several others who fish with us often do use the Saltwater formula with varying degrees of success. As stated, our experience with it has been very limited and can in no way prove or disprove the effectiveness of this type of scent formula.

I do know the Berkley Strike brand is effective when used as an additive to flounder chum or when placed upon a piece of sponge (very small piece) and attached to the hook that also carries a piece of clam, mussel or worm.

And, on more than one occasion I've added Saltwater Fish Formula to the chum bucket when fishing offshore waters for sharks. In this particular case, it does seem to work for we've had more sharks in the slick when using the Fish Formula mixed with ordinary chum than when we use the chum without adding Fish Formula.

However, where there is smoke there is usually fire. I can't believe so many experienced fishermen would purchase the fish scents if they did not produce. No one is about to pop for a fish scent at $9 a bottle if they don't see a tangible return on their money. You must remember that the liquid formula will, in time, wash off due to tidal currents or continuous washing as the bait is cast and recast. Maybe you should try adding the Formula more often and then judge the results.

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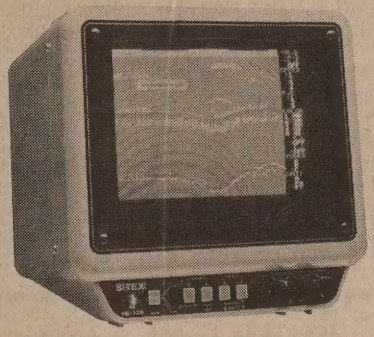

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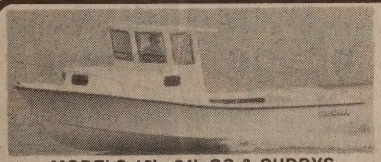

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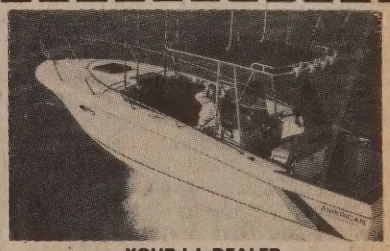

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NO FOOLISH FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

Well...it's that time of year again; the time when spring flounder rule the roost.

I'm sure you've heard there are sinker bouncers who only find flounder appealing at this time of year because these are the first fish available after an overly-long, winter-imposed curfew. Do you actually believe that? I don't—not for a minute!

I believe we fishermen seek the flounder because we truly enjoy doing so; not as something to do until more exotic species arrive. We flattie fans know spring flounder are fun to catch. And honestly now—what fish can compare in taste? To me, these are the reasons fishermen seek flounder, not just an opportune reason to get out of the house and dunk bait. Fill-in fish indeed!

Well—spring has sprung—and all that. Sure, it's kind of cool yet, but I'm sure die-hard flounder fans have tried to score before this. I know it is so because up until several years ago, I always tried to begin the flounder season around Washington's Birthday. I was always more or less successful, too; can't recall being skunked. In fact, the fish were always starved, so starved that one time I nailed two flounder on one hook. This has happened to me twice, always at that time of year, but with an interval of many years between them. (I don't expect anyone to believe this, but it is true nevertheless.) However, I no longer go flounder fishing this early in the year. Father Time has given me to understand that should I continue to do so, he will no longer be responsible for such foolishness.

All of which means that for me, and many other fishermen, April and May with their many balmy days do indeed make flounder fishing most enjoyable. But is it as good?

I put this question to several buddies one time. I had already formed my own ideas on the subject, but wanted to check if they agreed. They did—to a man. The consensus was that spring flounder fishing is better at the western end of Long Island during March and up to mid-April. It then begins to slack off and pick up to the east and throughout Long Island Sound as the days progress. (Now, don't all write me and say I'm all wet, citing numerous times when you "sunk the boat" in late April and May when fishing Jamaica Bay and Island Park. I'm sure you did; I have done so, too. But during an average flounder season and for the average sinker bouncer, this flounder schedule does apply.)

If you are an experienced flounder fisherman, I believe what you are about to read will bore you to tears. You'll find nothing you don't already know; so I suggest that now would be as good a time as any to call your fishing buddy and make plans for this coming weekend. But if you are a beginner at our sport, please read on; I'll do my best to help you put a few flounder in that bucket.

"You will never go wrong in your bottom fishing life if you bear in mind the bottom fisherman's adage: the less hardware, the better."

First of all forget whatever it is you've been told about flounder being patsies for the baited hook. **There are no foolish flounder!** If there were, they'd have become extinct along with the dodo. Sure, flounder are easy to catch when compared to toughies like blackfish. But here the similarity ends.

The type of tackle you use for flounder depends upon your likes and dislikes—and, of course, your wallet. Fortunately, however, excellent flounder tackle isn't expensive in the true sense of the world. Heck, you can rig up a drop line and catch flounder. It's done all the time; in fact, a drop line was the first flounder gear I used in the long ago. There's one thing to be said about drop line fishing: in the hands of an expert, it will outfish a rod and reel any day of the week—but it isn't much fun and on cold days is messy and often difficult to handle in comfort.

So, let's in agreement dispense with this drop line business.

There are two types of rods that are satisfactory for flounder fishing. One is a light conventional boat rod with matching reel; the other, and by far the most popular, is a light spinning outfit. If you want the most sport, select a nice spinning outfit for yourself. You will never regret such a choice. Whether you fish on board a bay-fishing party boat for flounder, your own private craft, a skiff, or from shore, spinning tackle is for you. And if you're into shore fishing for flounder, spinning tackle will enable you to make those often necessary-to-reach-the-fish casts with ease, and yet never concern yourself with that bugaboo of all conventional reels: the backlash.

Spinning tackle can also be found in what is termed ultra-light. But this gear is best left to the purist who seeks to conquer such heavyweights as weaks and stripers on straw-like tackle. Stick with the ordinary light gear and you'll do fine.

As mentioned, what you spend on flounder tackle will depend on your wallet; but this doesn't necessarily mean you must sink a week's pay in its selection. Buy the best you can afford, but don't go overboard. A word of warning: **don't** buy shoddy imports. At this writing I am reminded of a particular ad that offers a spinning rod (telescoping) and a spinning reel, both, I believe, for $4.95. With line yet! And if you're a good boy and send in your order before a certain date, why you can order five more at that price! And don't fall for that "famous" name scam. We all know Washington is a famous name, but if I saw it associated with fishing tackle, or a washing machine, or whatever, I'd certainly look a little closer. Be guided accordingly. If you don't recognize the tackle as being nationally advertised—run, don't walk to the nearest exit. Cheap, inferior tackle is the only expensive gear on the market; it is guaranteed to cause you endless heartaches on the fishing grounds.

The same applies to reels. Good reels are the work of fine precision and expert craftsmanship, therefore you can expect to shell out a few bucks for the best. But you will never rue the day you did, for with proper maintenance such a reel will last you many, many years. I have had a Penn 155 for almost a half-century and it is still going strong. So what if it cost me a couple bucks more than its nearest competitor at the time.

All this is not to say Penn reels are best, only that it is always prudent to

buy the best you can afford. I also have a Shakespeare spinning reel for many years and I wouldn't part with it for the same reason. You may also apply that to my Luxor and old Mitchell-300. They have never let me down. Such good reels are like a fine watch—and being so, deserve the same fine care.

Monofilament line for flounder is cheap enough. You can purchase this in proper test in quarter-pound spoons as I do: six to eight pound test for spinning outfits; 10 pound for conventional equipment...or you can buy these tests in 100 yard spools (remember that name-brand requirement applies here, too).

We come now to the nitty-gritty of your tackle: the hardware. You will never go wrong in your bottom fishing life if you bear in mind the bottom fisherman's adage: the less hardware, the better. This applies to flounder as well as cod or blackfish, or whatever.

For instance, it is not necessary to use three-way swivels when flounder fishing; a two inch double overhand loop tied in a couple of inches above the sinker will do as well. In fact, you can dispense with the loop, too, and simply add a sinker snap to the end of your main line and place both weight and hooks together. This setup works fine—especially when casting on windy days, which often causes hooks to wrap around the main line. (Be sure if you use this rig during the early part of the season, when the water is cold, that you lift your rod tip from time to time to feel for the fish. When water is cold, flounder do not nip at the bait as they do later in the season, which means that when you use this rig, it will be more difficult to feel a bite in early spring.) Another advantage in using this sinker snap rig is that you are always sure your hooks are lying flat out on bottom—where they must be if you want your share of flounder.

Hooks for flounder are the most important part of your terminal tackle. Most fishermen use two #9 or two #10 Chestertown hooks (commonly called "flounder hooks"). These are tied tandem-style. To tandem-tie, simply take two snelled hooks and fold the snell of one at its middle. Take this fold and run it through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then placed through the fold, drawn up snug and secured with an overhand knot. It is easy to do, but practice a few times to get the hang of it.

Now—back to hooks.

As stated, Chestertown hooks are widely used; but there is a better hook. This is the common Mustad Sproat #6 (style 3366 in catalogs). To look upon this hook is, as a buddy of mine once said, to laugh. But you better not—if you want more flounder than your buddies. In fact, I haven't used a Chestertown hook for flounder in 50 years—or more! So, believe Old Matt and look into the fish-catching ability of these hooks—you'll never regret it.

From here I can hear you exclaim: "Where do I get them? How do I snell them. Where, how, what?" Shhh! Say no more. Old Matt's got the answers for you.

Check the classifieds in this magazine. You can order as many presnelled #6 Sproats as you wish. If you don't want to do this, send to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, NY 10974 or to Terminal Tackle Company, Box 427, Kings Park, NY 11754 and request a copy of their free catalog. Monofilament snelling material is also listed.

Now, I can hear you say: "But I don't know how to snell hooks!" As to that, as I've said to many others: "Shame on you!" How are you going to become a well-rounded fisherman if you don't know the important basics? But fret not. Instead do this: Send a **stamped, self-addressed** #10 envelope (about 4X9) to my home at 39 King St., Hampton Bays, NY 11946-2220. I'll send you a copy of DuPont's 36-page knot tying booklet by return mail. It contains two methods of hook snelling, plus other bottom fishing knots, One thing: don't send your request to the office as this will only cause delay and unnecessary expense.

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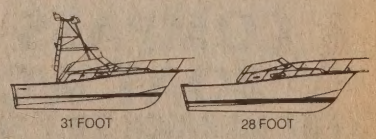

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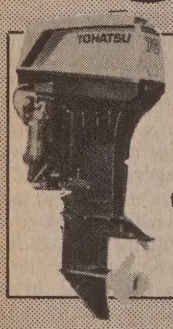

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CUSTOM SURF BAG

by Tom FitzSimmons

I will be basing the following article on a very popular surf bag that has been on the market for the past few years: the Bronco II. It is available at several tackle stores on the Island, as well as through a number of mail order companies and sells for approximately $40 to $45.

The bag is made of canvas and measures approximately 10½ inches long by 4½ inches wide, with a compartment about 8 inches deep that holds 10 tubular styrene inserts measuring 2 inches in diameter by 7 inches deep. The front of the bag has 6 pockets for tins and each end of the bag sports a pocket with a Velcro closure flap; pockets that are a must for convenience in carrying an extra spool, hook sharpening file, and other miscellaneous equipment needed for a night's fishing expedition. The bag also provides a 1½ inch wide adjustable shoulder strap which, because of its width, will make it more comfortable to carry for several hours while fishing. However, the modifications I will be discussing can easily be adapted to any brand surf bag you plan on purchasing or one you may presently own.

While for most situations a surf bag, as it comes from the store, will serve its owner proudly, the more time you spend fishing the more you will realize the need for modifications to make the surf bag more efficient to meet the rigorous style of fishing we all do.

To that end I have found the following alterations have improved the bag considerably and they have, therefore, provided me with a more efficient aid when I'm out fishing.

The need to have snaps and swivels in a handy location rather than keeping them in a small container or bag that, once removed from your plug bag, can be dropped, or as it is removed it may catch on another accessory in the same pocket, pulling that out at the same time leaving it to fall unseen into the sand or water. So, in order to keep the snaps handy what I have done is to first burn a hole in the shoulder strap (at the front of the bag as I carry it) with a heated 10 penny nail. The hole should be about one-half inch up from where the strap attaches to the bag itself. Then, with the use of a grommet tool, attach a brass grommet of about 1/4 to 3/8 inch diameter through this hole. If your surf bag uses D rings to attach the strap to the bag you can use the rings rather than adding a grommet. Next through the grommet, or D rings, attach a double-ended coast-lock stainless steel snap (#6 or #8 size snap) which should be large enough to allow for free movement. To this you should then attach a brass sinker release. The snaps can be stored on the sinker release and can easily be slipped on or off when needed just by releasing the sinker release snap. The whole assembly is kept on the outside of the bag, swinging freely for easy access when needed, thereby eliminating the problems encountered with searching through the surf bag in the dark.

Another item I have found to be very handy while out fishing is a small fingernail clipper for use in trimming excess monofilament from a new knot, or for cutting line after stripping off a few yards that may have become worn after a couple of hours of fishing. At the beginning of each season I usually go out and purchase 6 or 8 clippers for about 25 cents each to use during the year. The reason for buying so many is that the clipper will rust very fast and will need to be

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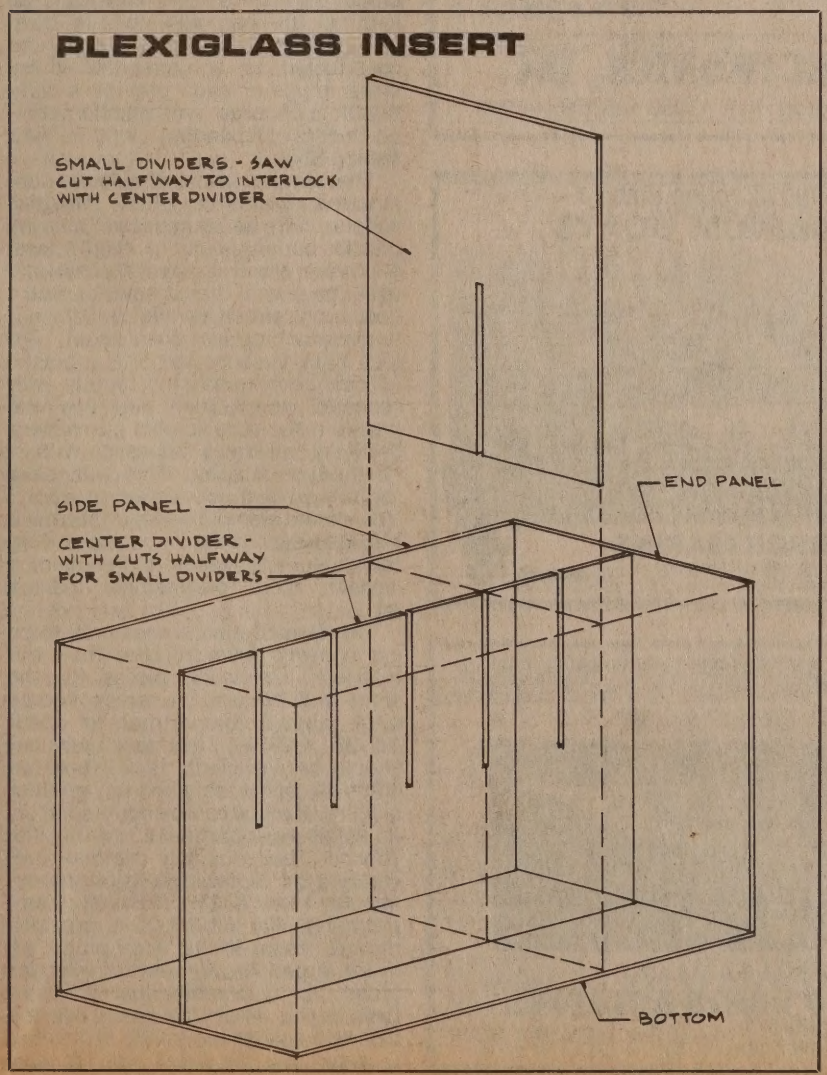
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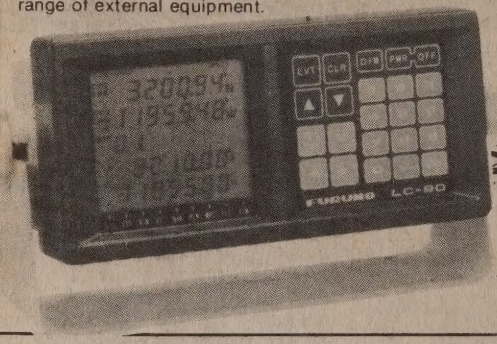

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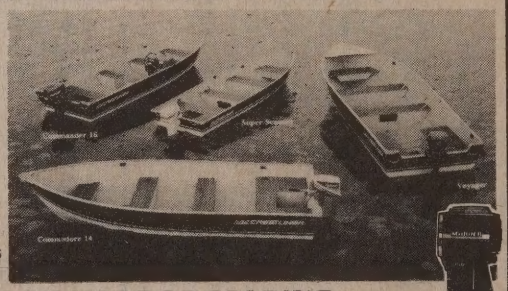

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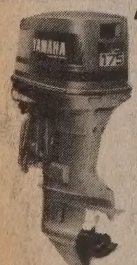

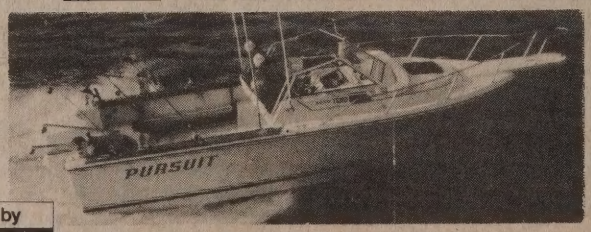

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replaced several times during the season. I am sure you will agree, however, that it is a lot cheaper to replace a 25 cent nail clipper than a pair of Sargent cutting pliers that could slip from your hand and disappear into the suds.

The clipper usually has a hole at one end. Through this pass one end of heavy drop line material and tie a secure knot, cut the drop line to allow for about 10 inches of free line. Then take the other end and securely tie it to the barrel swivel end of a large snap swivel combination (a #1 snap swivel should do nicely). When this is completed attach the snap to the same double ended snap you previously attached the sinker release to. The clipper can then easily be stored in the side pocket so it's out of your way when fishing. This way when you need it you just remove it from the pocket, swing it up to where you can cut the line and you're in business. If you happen to drop the clipper, or wish to free both hands it won't fall far and can easily be retrieved.

One of the major problems encountered with most bags is that they do not come equipped with inserts large enough to hold large bottle plugs, Atom 40s, etc. However, as long as the bag you own is deep enough, new inserts can easily be constructed to accommodate these larger plugs or even provide a combination of large and smaller compartments depending upon your fishing style.

The compartments should be constructed from plexiglas. Plexiglas sheets can be purchased at any plastics supply house or even a local hardware store. I have successfully used the plastic that is sold for storm door replacement panels, but try not to use anything less than about 1/16 inch thick because too thin a plastic will only crack and chip rapidly with repeated use. When you buy the plastic make sure to also purchase a bottle of plexiglas adhesive with a needle-type adapter. This will make the adhesive much easier to apply. You should also purchase or borrow a plexiglas saw which will make cutting the sheets a lot easier and produce a cleaner, more professional looking job.

The divided pieces need only to be cut halfway down so that they will interlock. Use solid pieces for the sides and bottom. To accommodate large plugs a compartment of about 1-5/8'' X 2-5/8'' (inside dimension) should be sufficient. It will hold an Atom 40 comfortably and any smaller or thinner plugs can be doubled up in a single compartment. With the Bronco II bag I usually use two rows creating six compartments of approximately 1¾'' X 2½'', and six compartments 1¾'' X 2''. This provides me with room for 12 large plugs, an even larger assortment of smaller plugs, or a combination of both. Before you begin to construct the inserts measure the inside of the bag to determine the exact size for your

compartments, leaving suffucient allowance for the compartments to be inserted and removed without ripping the bag. After you have pre-cut all the pieces to the desired sizes, as shown in the diagram, tape the sides and bottom into position and apply an even flow of adhesive at each joint. Th next step is to fit the main center divider into position and place the remaining dividers (align them) and again apply the adhesive to all the joints. The adhesive will set very quickly, but some joints may require a second application to secure them properly. When the joints have all dried turn the dividers over and carefully drill a 1/4 inch diameter hole in the bottom of each compartment to allow for water to drain.

Before you begin making the new inserts you might want to give some consideration to producing two or more sets of inserts. Having two or three sets can be useful during the season because you can arrange one set to hold large plugs for night fishing, another set for daytime fishing, or any other combination that may fit your particular style. These extra sets of inserts can easily be stored in the trunk of your car, loaded with plugs and ready for action. All you need to do is remove one set from your surf bag and insert another to suit your needs for that particular trip.

There are also a number of other smaller modifications that can be made to your surf bag. The addition of several drain holes in the bottom of the bag will aid in draining the water faster. The use of brass grommets of about 3/8'' in diameter to create these holes works very well.

Some bags come equipped with shoulder straps that are narrower than 1½ inches, and after a long night of fishing the strap tends to cut into your shoulder making it extremely uncomfortable. To eliminate this discomfort the strap could simply be replaced with a wider one made from a car's seat belt material. Or in the case of a bag whose strap would be difficult to replace you could add a wide padded section to the strap made from foam with a tough material backing, or by purchasing a large replacement pad that is available for photo equipment gadget bags.

For more security I also prefer to replace the narrow strips of Velcro that come on the Bronco II with wider pieces of the same material. This makes it easier to close the pockets and main flap, and once closed, it becomes more difficult to open by accident, thereby decreasing the possibility of losing a valued piece of equipment.

I am sure that once you have given it some thought you will easily be able to come up with other modifications that will add to your own efficiency. And, since the season is only a short way off, customizing your surf bag can take some of the edge off the long winter we all face waiting for the warmer months to approach.

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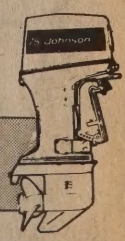

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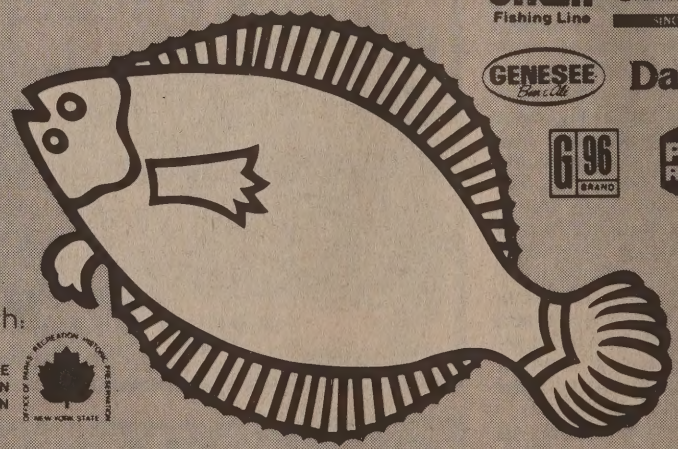

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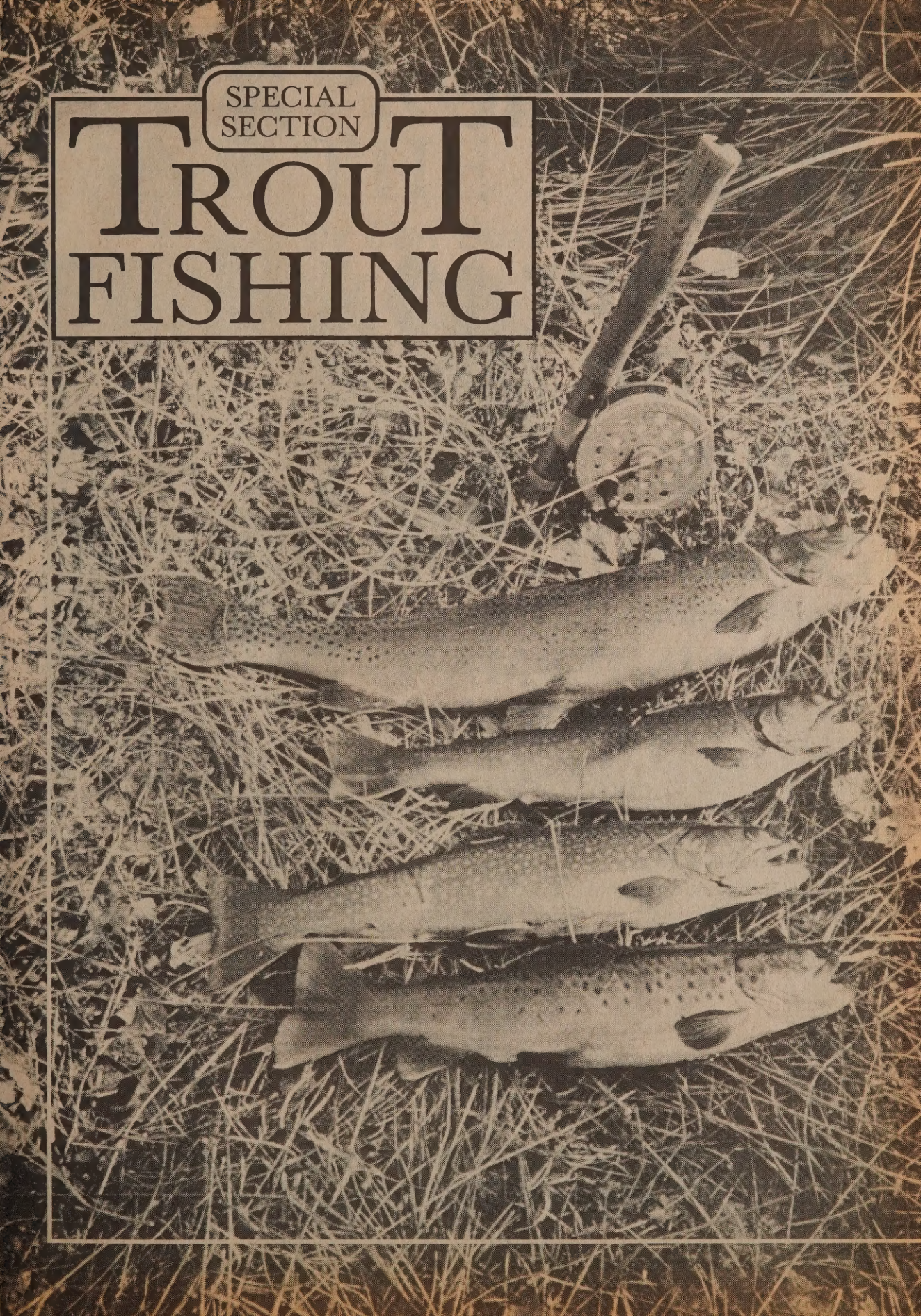

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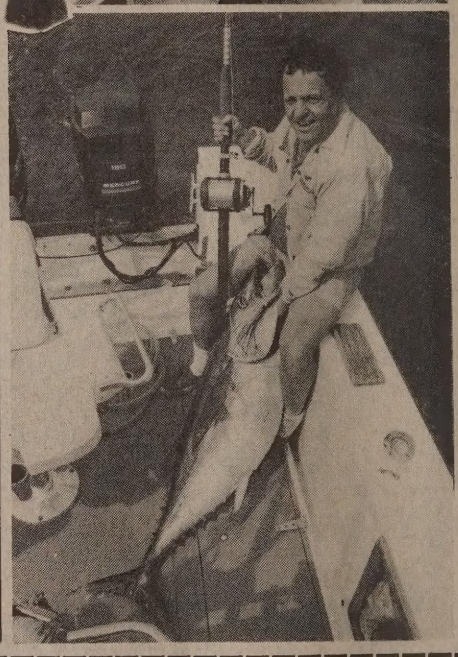

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by Carl Buxbaum

Professor Forellenfangkoder was pompous, bitter and filled with hate. In turn, he was detested by all. We painfully walked the plank into his classroom—only his four ex-wives had the courage to mutiny—and most of us were resigned to getting a D, maybe a C, if we passed the course at all. None dared dream of more.

Fiercely determined, we waited for him to point a finger and bark a question. When no answer was heard, he pressed until you said something foolish, or an embarrassing mushroom cloud of silence hung in the room. And you wanted to die. Once, Jim answered correctly. So, Professor Forellenfangkoder fired another question, striking him squarely between the eyes—proving once and for all that Jim was an idiot, just like the rest of us.

Yet he never called on me, and after I got an A- on the mid-term, the rest of the students practiced impersonations of my distinctive slump. If you slumped low enough in the seat, we collectively reasoned, he didn't see you. Therefore you weren't put on the spot, and then he graded your exam fairly—because you were not among the proven morons, yet. But that wasn't it at all.

With this 70th birthday creeping up and childless, the portly old goat was mellowing. While everyone stared daggers at him—daggers so long, the screeching noises on the blackboard had nothing to do with chalk—my terror was so great that I couldn't draw a weapon to save my life. He mistook my vacant eyes and frozen face for friendliness or, maybe, just maybe, intelligence. You see, he'd grown so used to fixed, angry looks that anything different, even pure, undiluted horror, confused his senses. The man thought I liked him (a sure sign of super intellect) and took to giving me fatherly advice after class. That was more frightening. It showed on my face, resulting in my being treated more like a son. He went so far as to ask me to call him Doc Forellie—a tender name reserved for temporary wives and an intimate friend, if one were ever found. But the pressure was really on then, because **his** son was destined to win a Nobel prize.

Doc Forellie bought me a cup of coffee at the end of the term, and I did my best not to choke on it, while he explained how my term paper could be improved in a way that would lead to publication, fame and wealth. My diplomatic skills were at the limit. The torture was too much.

"Lead from your strengths," he said. "You're working too hard at improving your weak spots. That'll make you mediocre at everything. Focus on things you're good at, instead, and achieve excellent in those areas."

I broke.

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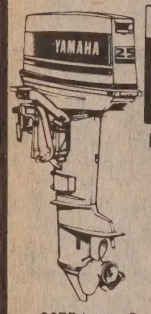

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lie." Words burst through my clenched teeth. "I'm giving up fly fishing! Yes Sir! It's my main weakness—just don't have the stuff...as bad as my singing. You know, when I was in high school chorus the teacher told me to move my lips and shut up. Fly casting's like singing and dancing—you've gotta get the rhythm, feel the beat and be on key at the same time. I'm biologically incapable of that. My eyes are twisted from looking at casting diagrams in books; flies get stuck in my ears and butt; my line cracks like a bullwhip; my leader collapses in a heap and after all this time, I've only mastered the 15 foot sloppy cast. I quit!"

Forellie was startled, having never before heard me speak more than a word—usually "yes." He lost his composure and bellowed, "No, no—don't be a quitter. You say you're good at the 15 foot sloppy cast—well, work at it. Get everything you can out of the 15 foot sloppy cast, that's your strength." I felt good. That was the first really fatherly advice Forellie ever offered. I understood it, too. And in repeating my words, he made them sound dignified. I was the inventor of "the 15 foot sloppy cast." While I wondered if it would be named after me, Forellie reverted to character.

"Wait a minute," he growled, "there's no Nobel Prize for fly fishing."

"There should be," I argued.

"You're not like a Forellenfangkoder. Let's see if there's still time to change the final grade. Gave you an A- this morning..." Words trailed in his wake as he sped from the cafeteria.

Thus began my quest for excellence. At the campus bookstore, I sold my copies of the five books Forellie had written and one by one, every other book he shoved down my throat met the same fate. My course of scholarly inquiry changed. Money from the book sales was carried across town to a fancy tackle shop (serving fly casters with the word Orvis written all over them), where books by other sages were bought. Schwiebert, Swisher and Sawyer were among the first studied, and since they wrote as if there were a Nobel Prize in fly fishing, I entertained the notion of changing my name to Schuchsbaum—thereby advancing my career. But I felt somewhat better when I discovered Flick and Fox; McClane and Marinaro; Waterman, Whitlock, Wulff and Wright; and others showing the esses didn't have a monopoly. Possibilities seemed much better after further research uncovered Bashline, Bates, Bergman, Blades, Blaisdell, Bradford, and Brooks. Buxbaum had a chance in the realm of scholars.

Two years later Forelli was dumbfounded, when—head stuffed with Latin words, hackle, fur, drifts, bugs, freestones and tight loops—I graduated. Only one page of skimpy notes, that were worth anything, could be shown for the hard work put into the degree. Quality, though, not quantity, counts. The notes prepared me for practical empirical experiments. And Percival Whitcolm Skidmoor, III, an Orvis type fellow I met at the fly shop, volunteered to help me test the new theories. We'd go to his secret spot on the Navesink; he'd execute perfect casts with dry flies; I'd make equally extraordinary 15 foot sloppy cast with weighted nymphs.

Nymphs were the logical choice based on that special page of notes, which said:

"Trout feed below the surface, mostly on nymphs (immature stages in the life cycles of aquatic insects), at least 80 percent of the time. **[Marginal comment]** That's why streams aren't clogged by trout which starved to death, clutching emergence tables in their desperate little fins. Like me, they find decent hatches few and far between.

Big trout, especially, feed mainly on bottom. Predominant bottom foods: nymphs or larval stages.

Trout are selective only during major hatches, when they feed vigorously. Otherwise, they're not so picky and opportunistically gobble any food drifting in range.

[Marginal comment] I've been busting my back to match the hatch, for hatches that don't happen, but between hatches, when trout aren't 'really feeding', they'll eat almost anything. Now they tell me!

The trout is a shy and cautious creature, very nervous and alert to predators (including me) in open, exposed, shallow water. Trout find security in the depths.

[Marginal comment] Bet they can't see or hear me slapping the water when they're deep. Maybe, I can give up the slump, so well perfected under Forellie's brilliant influence.

Conclusions: **1.** Get lots of nymphs, all colors, in sizes 10 to 16—both bush and sparse; **2.** find deepish water; **3.** lead from your strength by slapping down those flies so hard they sink like cannon balls."

My gear was stuffed in an old Army duffle bag, except for a box of nymphs in my breast pocket (right over the heart), when Percival tooted the horn at 3:30AM. I ran out before the neighbors could find shotguns, threw my bag into the back seat of the white Impala convertible, and we were off to the Navesink.

Percival's secret spot was so secret that when the wagon trail ended, we just left the car in the woods and hiked through leg-eating brush for some time. Finally, at the river, Percy said, "This isn't the place. Let's go back to the car and try again; must've turned off the main road too soon." Pointing at a pair of nice brown trout, in front of a huge boulder, I said, "not me, see you later." Their tails were tucked under an overhang, and Percy had to take a second look. "I better try first, before you spook 'em with that short sloppy cast." I agreed with a nod but corrected Percy. "It's called the 15 foot sloppy cast."

He walked downstream to position himself for a proper upstream presentation, then stepped into the water. ANd he was good! The split bamboo rod was united with the line on one end and his arm on the other, as Percy executed a series of smooth backcasts, working out over 30 feet of line. Then, a beautiful tight loop unrolled and the leader laid out straight to the 6X tippet and #16 Quill Gordon. The whole thing settled gently on the water. He mended line and the fly drifted, drag free, over the trout. The browns didn't blink. Nor did they blink at equally well presented Quill Gordons in sizes 14 and 12. Nor at tiny Blue Duns, 12 and 14 Light Hendricksons, March Browns, Grey Foxes, Cahills, Adams, all kinds of Caddis specialties from 12 to 20. Not even a big attractor, like a #10 Royal Wulff, drew any interest. But Percival was good. The fish hadn't run for cover.

"Okay, your turn; I quit; go spook 'em," he said. I carefully picked a spot within my 15 foot range, and the cast was a marvel of perfection. First the line hit the water like a falling tree, followed rapidly by the depth charge entry of a weighted, size 12 Hare's Ear nymph. The fly passed about a foot over the fish—not a blink. I was proud of myself for not spooking either trout (maybe they were dead) and took a step closer. This time, the cast was made a little further upstream—to give the nymph more time to sink in the current. As it sank and drifted, I lost sight of it. So I watched the trout. The big one held position but quivered and opened its mouth; I reflexively lifted the rod, and he was hooked. A half dozen previously unseen trout scurried around, chasing the fighting brown, then hunkered down among the rocks.

Percival, humbled by the sight of all the fish that ignored his flies, cleared his throat and asked to borrow a nymph—while I released the brown. He took a nice trout sometime later, but I'd taken three more by then. I cautioned him to shorten his casts—to no avail. Just like trout fishing books filled with diagrams and drawings of insects—without a single picture of a fish—Percy loved technique more than catching fish. But I knew he was missing strikes, because he couldn't see the nymph, fish, or end of his line so far away. At 15 feet, I could see a change in line movement when a fish took. Usually, I also saw both the drifting nymph and the trout, I explained. "I need a strike indicator," Percy declared, but we were pretty far from a fly shop. He drew a portable fly tying kit from a canvas bag he'd left on the bank and found a piece of bright orange yarn; tied it to the leader butt; trimmed the tag ends; slid it down to the first knot on the leader; and smeared it with fly floatant.

There went my hopes for the 15 foot sloppy cast. Every time anything nudged his nymph, Percy spotted a flicker or change in drift of that distant orange speck and set the hook. He outfished me 3 to 1, simply by covering more water.

I scribbled another page of notes as we drove home:

"Upstream presentations mandatory in fast water, or nymph doesn't reach bottom. Cross and downstream casts okay in slower water. Pays to start with big (#10 or 12) dark nymphs. Then try smaller sizes in lighter colors. Dead drift best, unless trout feeding very actively.

Dead drift best, unless trout feeding very actively. For active fish, jiggle rod tip and give some life to drifting nymph. Continue drift till fly rises from bottom, when line and leader straighten downstream. Strip back line in twitchy 6 inch pulls. Trout may think nymph is rising to emerge as a dun on surface.

Forellie was wrong. The 15 foot sloppy cast is embarrassing. Though it allows an inept caster to creel some trout and have fun using weighted nymphs, it's not a strength.

Conclusions: Weighted nymphs are the ticket to more and bigger trout. But must get some strike indicators and work at inventing a 25 foot mediocre cast."

P.S.—This fish story is so close to the truth that two names were changed to protect the guilty. The guilty include all those who work too hard at being perfect and take the fun out of fishing.

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STRIKE INDICATOR FISHING

by Rex Gerlach

It's hard to argue with methods that produce consistently outstanding fly fishing results, for it is results that provide the payoff for a lot of hard work and practice in fly rodding and the other wild sports.

Perhaps the deadliest method of fishing nymph flies along the stream bottom is a fairly recent innovation. It is called **strike-indicator** fishing. It is accomplished by using high-visibility fly lines, fly lines with high-vis tips, or brightly colored leader butts or devices that serve a flyrodder's visual needs much the same way a bobber does a spin fisherman once the fish has grabbed his bait.

Strike-indicator nymphing requires virtually no casting ability other than being able to lob a short length of line and leader in the direction you want to fish. As a result, it's a superior way to introduce your youngster or an adult beginning fly fisherman to **catching** fish on flies practically from the start. Before getting into the finer points of the method, however, it may help to understand why the technique evolved in the first place.

Most freshwater biologists seem to agree that trout feed largely on organisms they find under the surface of the water, including the larvae, pupae and nymphs of aquatic insects, small baitfish, freshwater crustaceans (such as scuds), cress-bugs and aquatic annelids and leeches.

To be sure, in fishing with artificial flies there is nothing more exciting than to watch a trout sip in a tiny dry fly from the surface! Most experienced flyrodders are keenly aware of and usually well prepared for these moments of exceptional opportunity occasioned by periods of intense insect-hatching activity. That goes without saying!

What doesn't make much sense, however, is not being equally well prepared and mentally attuned to enjoying fully 80 percent of the **other** fly fishing opportunities that occur throughout the season; the ones you can't see and which come about as a result of a trout's opportunistic attitude towards the numerous underwater creatures inhabiting its territory and constituting the bulk of its food.

Since trout frequently inhale and reject deeply fished artificial flies so quickly we often fail to recognize the "takes" in time to set the hook, if at all, especially when the flies are fished by conventionally drifting them on a relatively long length of line and leader, certainly the most logical approach is to "shorten up." The shorter the line, the shorter the time-delay between detecting a strike and setting the hook.

One highly effective way to enhance the benefits derived from fishing as short a line as possible is to improve our ability to actually detect those hesitations in the drift of a submerged fly that so often indicate it's been taken in by a fish. The problem is especially compounded when using dark-colored fly lines, such as those in mahogany, dark green, dark amber or gray colors.

Obviously, what's needed is a dab of bright color placed somewhere very close to where the leader enters the water. The answer lies in using floating fluorescent red, orange or yellow colored fly lines, floating lines with fluorescent tips, leaders with fluorescent butts, or devices we can pinch—or peg—onto the leader. These are called "strike-indicators" in present-day fly fishing lingo. They can be used to help one detect strikes in slick-surface, weed-choked limestone streams; in long, moderate speed "runs"; in riffles having gravelly ridges and depressions in the stream bed; and in turbulent, boulder choked canyon "pocket water"—East, Midwest or Far West—with equally telling effects! The bottom line of strike indicator fishing is that you can see what's happening to the fly a heck of a lot easier than you can without that touch of bright color where line or leader enter the water!

One of the most advantageous uses of the strike indicator occurs when you want to tumble a nymph along the bottom in the natural way of a real nymph that's been dislodged from its foothold by current or an aggressive, feeding trout.

Certainly one of the better ways to do this is to fish a very short line upstream and weight the leader with enough lead to get the fly down near the bottom quickly. To achieve the tumbling effect with the fly, it's usually necessary to make very short casts directly upstream, or, at the very least, severely quartering up and across the flow of the current.

The professional guide from whom I first learned the technique (Mike Mercer, of the Fly Shop in Redding, California), advised me to use only a short length of fly line, a 5X leader about the same length as my fly rod, and a few tiny pinch-on or split shot leads placed above the terminal two or three leader knots, or starting about 18 inches above the fly on a knotless tapered leader. The longest rod possible under the existing overhead foliage conditions helps manipulate the downstream-drifting fly in the water. I'll use a 9 footer wherever possible, for trout, usually one balancing with a 5 to 7 weight fly line.

Because the trout feeding near the bottom are facing upstream most of the time, it's often possible to wade cautiously to within a rod length or so of where they are holding in the current without frightening them off their feed.

Once you've gotten into position slightly downstream from where you want to work the fly, all that's necessary is to work out a few feet of fly line beyond the rod tip, then literally "lob" line, leader and fly to where you want its drifting to start.

As the fly and line drift back towards your position in the river, the rod is gradually raised in a full arm/rod movement to permit a quick hook-set in the event of a take. Keep your attention riveted to the strike-indicator and quickly set the hook if it hesitates or twitches the slightest bit during the drifting. Often as not, you'll discover (to your amazement!) a trout is hanging onto the fly! When you are fishing canyon pocket water, especially that in areas far from easy public access, the trout are likely to be larger-sized than average. Here, both because of the turbulence and the larger average fish, it's a good idea to use heavier tippets than you would in slow moving meadow stretches or moderately slow moving riffles. I'll usually start fishing with 3X or 4X tippets in the heavy water, and go even stronger if I break off a fish or two on the strike.

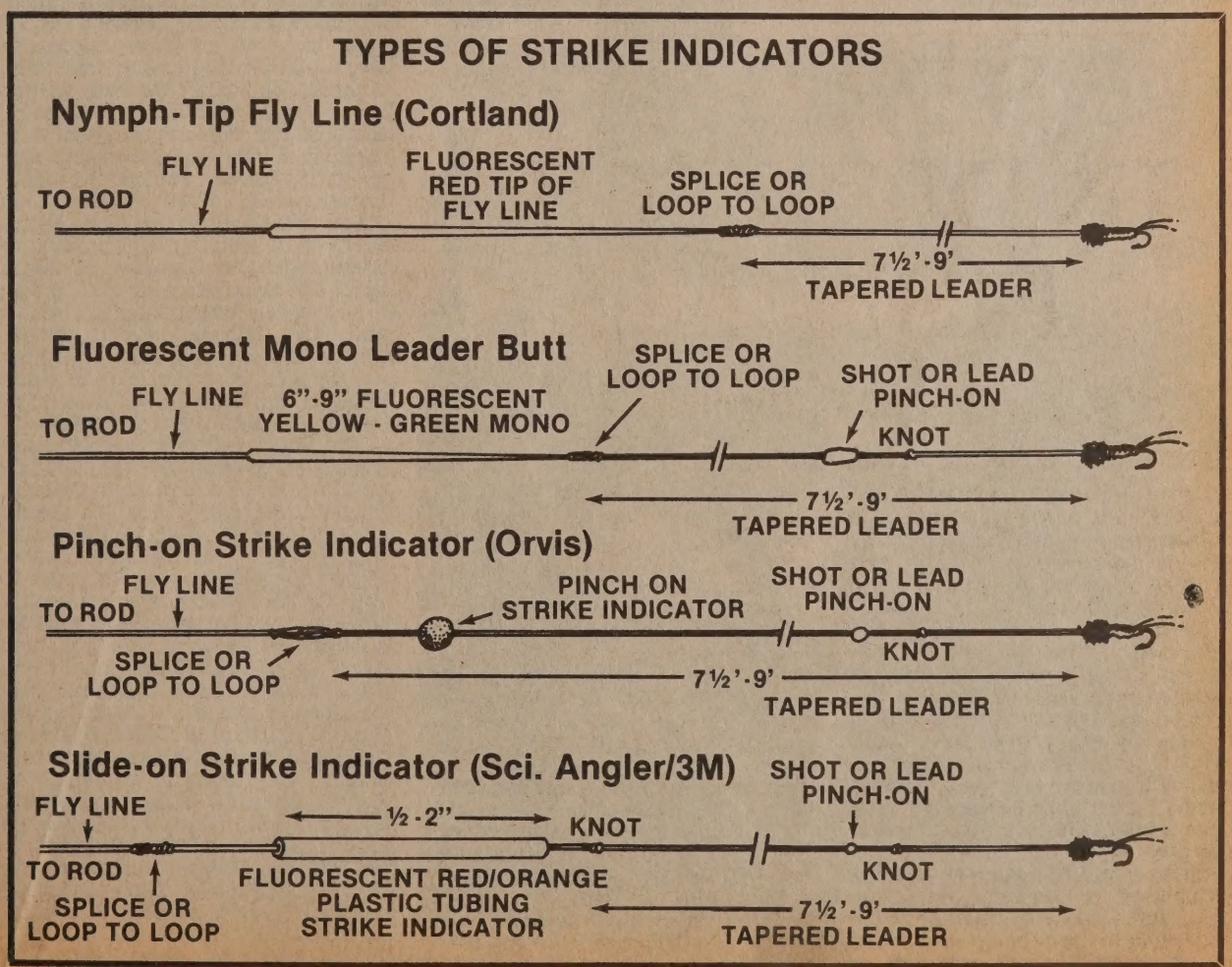
There is another sense in which strike indicator fishing lets you accomplish something most other fly fishing methods involving casting fail to do. That is very rapid, extremely efficient water-coverage. If you are of a mind to fish that fast, you can cover about twice as much water in a day of strike-indicator fishing as you could making longer casts and drifts of the fly, requiring the inherent loss of time involved in making backcasts.

Although practically any popular nymph flies effective for use in the streams of your immediate region can be fished effectively using a strike indicator, my experience has been that those artificials having great underwater "mobility," resulting from soft hackling (such as the Bird's Nest caddis imitator) or rubber legs (like the stonefly imitating Rubber Legs nymph patterns) give you a definite "edge" on the fish. I have had remarkable results on these types of flies, in contrast to "so-so" action from less mobile, hard-bodied nymphs.

One thing is certain, I know of no more effective way to probe the stream depths than strike indicator nymphing. I'll even use them when I'm casting quartering up and across stream with small streamer flies, so that I can more quickly detect a slowing or hesitation in the line.

The obvious aesthetic pleasures associated with rhythmic casting, delicate presentations, and drifting surface artificials one might sacrifice to fish with strike-indicators, to me at least, are sacrifices I'm willing to make and be compensated for by more hook-ups and the generally larger sized trout I catch this way.

It is easy enough to shrug off a little needling by one's companions for fishing with "impure" methods, if you're the one at day's end that hooked and released the largest and most trout! I can tolerate a lot of razzing for those kind of results, and I suspect you can too!



NEW YORK'S BROWN TROUT SWEEPSTAKES

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Three figures huddled in the eerie glare of the lights in the parking lot at Kennedy Airport and shivered in the early March cold. It was almost 9PM by the time the paperwork had been completed for Customs, Interior, and KLM Airways, and it was already below freezing. Finally the little committee was ready to open the styrofoam carton and to inspect the contents hidden in the recesses of the box. Jewels? Counterfeit coins? Marijuana? Cocaine? No, it was a shipment of European sea trout eggs from Neumuenster, West Germany that I was looking at, and my partners in crime were none other than in intrepid pair of hatchery managers, Joe Bergin of Massachusetts Fish and Game, and Norman Soule of the Cold Spring Harbor hatchery.

The importation of our first eggs from anadromous brown trout, **S. trutta trutta**, in March of 1985 was only one of a number of imaginative state projects now ongoing, projects which work with strains of fish that could provide exciting fishing for New Yorkers in years ahead.

The first project of this type; i.e., involving European salmonids, began in 1979 when the Department of Environmental Conservation decided to experiment with lacustrine browns called **Seeforellen** (in German), **S. trutta lacustris**, from Bavaria's Walchensee. These are fish-eating browns that nature has adapted to the Alpine lakes of Europe, and, because they live 10 years or more and continue to put on poundage all their lives, they top out at impressive sizes.

Automatic feeding stations, like this one at Connetquot State Park, are critical to the development of sea run trout.

German and Austrian records from the 1940 through the 1970s describe behemoths that range from 45 to 66 pounds. No wonder Larry Strait, now Fisheries Manager in Region 5, who pushed the program with the author, was excited. On the record books were lacustrine browns that attained whopping sizes by feeding on whitefish and some other salmonids, hardly prime fodder compared to the smelt and alewives, which are the standard feed in the Great Lakes and the Finger Lakes and reservoirs. Imagine the potential for these **Seeforellen** here!

The state imported 5,000 eyed eggs from Igor Sentjurc's Grubmuhle hatchery in 1979 and made a major commitment to produce Seeforellen for stocking and experimental breeding in 1984-1987 by ordering 15,000 eggs for each of three successive years, 1984 through 1986. Ironically, according to Robert Behnke, writing in the Winter 1986 issue of "Trout," some 60,000 Seeforellen eggs were mixed with the first German shipment to Cold Spring Harbor in 1883. Unfortunately, Fred Mather and others mixed Friedrich von Behr's Seeforellen with stream browns or **Bachforellen** (in German), **S. trutta fario**. The result was a vigorous brown trout that was well adapted to streams and rivers, but you have to wonder what would have happened if Mather and company had put pure **S. trutta lacustris** into Champlain, Ontario, or the Finger Lakes 100 years ago!

The first experimental stocking of lacustrine browns in the form of 7 to 9 inch fingerlings was made in Owasco, Rondout Reservoir, and Thirteenth Lake in April and May of 1985 when 10,300 fish were stocked. About 15,000 more eggs were imported in 1985 for 1986 plantings, and a similar shipment came in January of 1986 for work in 1987. Superb cooperation and coordination by DEC personnel made the whole experiment possible. Charlie Fontana and Scott Covert at the Catskill Hatchery in DeBruce labored mightily and raised almost 80 percent of the 1984 imports to the fingerling stage. Charles Guthrie and Bill Southard from Stony Brook worked out the hazardous 500 mile round trip to DeBruce, despite winter driving conditions. Finally Gerry Barnhart and Phil Hulbert directed the operation as Albany paymasters.

New York had been discussing

anadromous browns on Long Island ever since the days of Al Kellar at Stony Brook in the 1970s. The hatchery browns that move from the Nissequogue or the Connetquot already show that stream browns (S. trutta fario) can adapt and grow in New York's tidal estuaries. Browns up to 8 lbs. with an occasional 15 pounder have already excited a small group of winter fishermen here on Long Island. These sharpies ought to know that truly anadromous browns (S. trutta trutta) from tidal rivers in Europe can attain sizes just slightly smaller than Atlantic salmon! Fish to 30 pounds or more are not all that uncommon from Norway's Stryn, Sweden's Morrum, Poland's Vistula, and Germany's Elbe. In fact a 46 pound **Meerforelle** (sea trout) was taken by a commercial fisherman on the Elbe in 1978.

In June of 1985 Frank Panek, head of DEC fisheries in Region 1, Stony Brook, called together a group intereested in creating or enhancing anadromous fisheries on all of the Island's tidal rivers. With the help of Gil Bergen, Manager of Connetquot State Park, the meeting was held at the park in Oakdale.

Thus began a serious discussion which is still going on and the big question is still open. What sort of "sea run" brown trout is best for an active Long Island tidal program? Does it make sense to use the S. trutta fario form already present, shocking and taking eggs from captured fish that "silver up" in the fall, or should we utilize S. trutta trutta, truly anadromous forms, from the European hatcheries with greater growth potential but a higher cost? Perhaps a cross of a couple of strains is in order.

Fortunately some answers may be found in a Connecticut study of the 1960 done on Latimers Brook, Eight Mile River, Hammonasset and Saugatuck Rivers. At that time the Nutmeg State processed as many as 145,000 eggs per year and set out some 28,000 smolts and fingerlings each season. The managers tried domestic, **S. trutta fario** browns, **fario** forms that had been to sea, and European sea trout from Denmark, Sweden and Britain. In Latimers Brook, where the biggest effort was put forth, 6,460 European sea trout were planted along with about 4,000 domestics in 1959 and 29 migratory sea trout were taken for eggs in 1961. It must have been a labor of love to get those eggs, too, because trap nets were tended for 30 days and a crew with electroshocking equipment took 13 trips! Most of the returnees were Danish and Swedish fish, and the Connecticut teams felt that their best bet was to discontinue the stocking of domestic browns and to try to get a pure sea trout strain going.

No matter what choices are made for Long Island streams, it will take time and lots of teamwork among agencies, hatcheries and private groups like local Trout Unlimited

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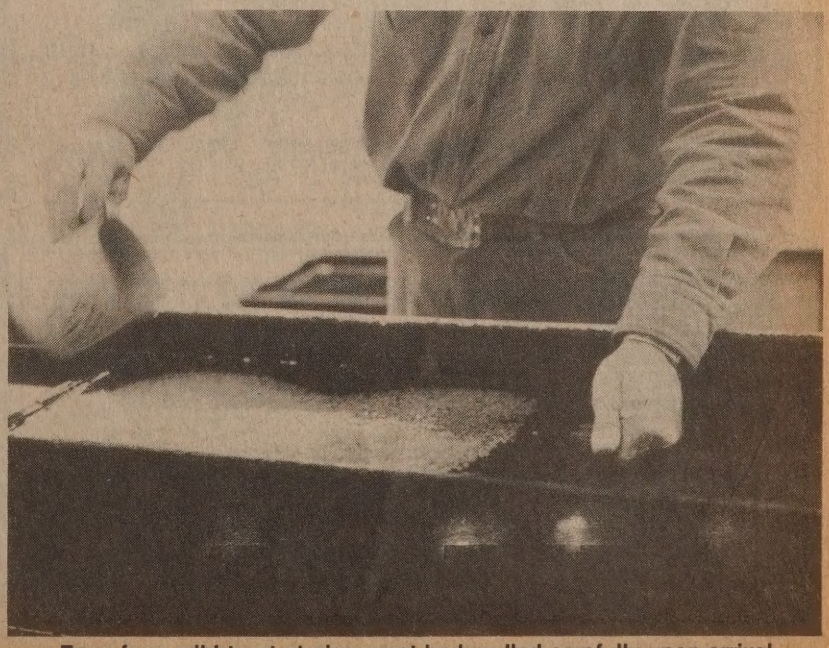
Igor Sentjurc of the Grubmuhle Hatchery holds a 50 pound Seeforelle for stripping. This fish came from a Walchensee tributary in Bavaria.



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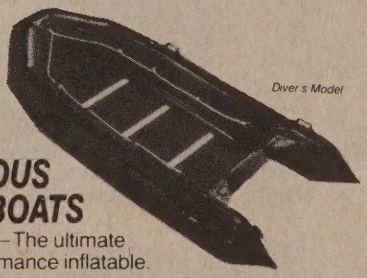

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chapters because sea run fish are so difficult to handle. We learned from our own first attempts to raise the German Neumunster strain. Lacking automatic feeding facilities, we lost more than half of the 9,000 hatchlings kept at Cold Spring Harbor in 1985. In Massachusetts, despite prior experience with wild trout, Joe Bergin ran into feeding problems and lost all his 6,000 fry.

Plenty of labor will be required to release and mark 2-year-old smolts into the Nissequogue or the Connetquot, and even more effort will be required to trap or net returning spawners for stripping and egg production. This was the point where the Connecticut program ran into difficulty in the 1960s. Sure, it would be nice to launch a run by beginning with 75,000 to 100,000 eggs from foreign hatcheries rather than to take the labor-intensive route. However, eggs from S. trutta trutta can run anywhere from $25 to $45 per thousand and no one in our neck of the woods has that kind of venture capital. Incidentally at the time of this writing, Seule at Cold Spring is working on a private Fish America Foundation grant and the DEC under Panek, Guthrie, and Hulbert will be eyeing all future proposals carefully. As we go to press, another powwow of anadromous folks is planned at Gil Bergen's shop in mid-March to decide what courses to pursue.

Every fisheries project has to go through three stages. In stage A, where the sea trout are, managers gain experience handling the strains and learn to overcome most problems. In stage B where the lacustrine browns are, a demonstration "run" with statistics must get onto the charts and into the books. Finally in stage C, anglers can count on a sizeable group of fish and managers can begin to thump the drums in public. Although it takes 10 years or more to get from A to C, anglers who specialize in trophy trout and salmon are a breed apart and tend to wait patiently for results.

Is is worth the wait? For all the skepticism, Sentjurc, the Bavarian manager, figures that "crocodiles," **Seeforellen** of 50 pounds or more, will start showing up in the U.S., just as they did regularly in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria before the best Alpine lake ecosystems deteriorated.

Sea trout could be just as exciting for those of us who concentrate on the Island. Dutch, German, and Swedish angling colleagues assure us that **Meerforellen**, or **S. trutta trutta**, pound for pound, can knock the socks off Atlantic salmon. There's no higher praise for any fish!

So look for the news a decade from now and keep your ears tuned for the sighs and groans from hatcheries and managers. Both recreational and record book minded anglers can look ahead to the 1990s with excitement if either or both of these brown trout experiments succeed.

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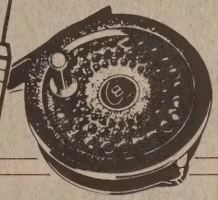

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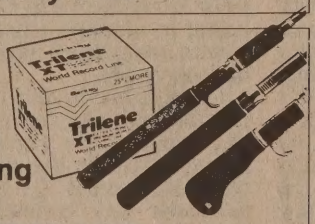

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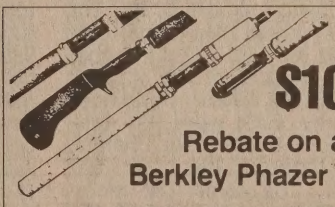

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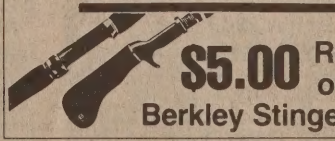

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OPENING DAY QUEST

by Fred Laager

At last the time had come. I had finished work early in order to get home and finish packing the car for the trip. The winter snows had waned and the promise of spring was everywhere as I packed the car with the equipment needed for the quest. The music of red-winged blackbirds filled the afternoon air with lute-like tones as I loaded, in the order of their importance, all the items I would need for the journey. First were the rods; then came tackle boxes, boots, fishing vest, pipe, tobacco, bait, hat and finally, food. "By tomorrow morning," I thought, "I should be standing in an ice cold stream with a warm pipe in one hand, a fishing rod in the other; and a trout doing tail-walks on the end of my line.

"Tomorrow" was opening day of the trout season in New York; an April 1st tradition of which I am a staunch advocate and to miss it would be a sin against the very idea of an opening day. I was headed for the famed rivers of the Cat River Mountains (the Catskills they are called because once they were the home of many bobcat and cougar) and I was seeking the wild trout that swam in those fabled waters. In particular, I was looking for a stream that was somehow secluded where I could fish an entire day and never be bothered by another angler in my travels. On past opening days I have stood shoulder to shoulder with other fishermen often getting my line fouled on theirs, often getting a sore throat from talking and sore ears from listening, and often going home with no trout to my credit. But now I vowed that I would change all that; that I would endure all trials that came before me and that I would prevail. I was filled with confidence and the will to succeed so, upon completing my packing, I bid my wife a fond "Adieu," patted my hound on the head and set off on my annual journey to wonderland.

As I plodded my way down the Expressway I thought of how I had become a victim of the Wall Street workaday ethic and how the once solumn laid-back lifestyle I once enjoyed in my younger days was now missing. What used to be farmland is now huge industrial complexes and often I marvel at housing projects that seem to spring up overnight. Perhaps it is this change in the temper of Long Island that has made the appeal of another way of life so irresistible to me. I recently felt the urge to "get away from it all" more than ever before. I wished to seek a Utopia in the mountains away from all the alarm clocks, telephones, unpaid bills, meetings and bosses that can make an average workday a virtual hell-on-earth. I sought nirvana in the trout streams of the Catskills and I hoped to undergo a baptism in their waters that would give me a fresh outlook on life.

I had been driving for almost an hour and was now crossing the first of my bridges. The Throgs Neck is a beautiful span in the midday sun and as I drove across it I remembered a particular day beneath its arched supports when the sun was shining and the bass were biting. But now, at night, the waters looked cold and foreboding and I, all alone, thought of the trolls that make their homes beneath such bridges and how they wreak all sorts of havoc with travellers, especially at night.

Considering myself a tender morsel for these beasts, I did my best to occupy my mind with other more pleasant thoughts. I thought of the fine fishing that was only a few hours away. I thought of the brook trout,

"natives" they are called and how I would be listening to the far-off music of grouse drumming in the woods as I pulled trout upon trout from within the rapids.

Soon I was crossing over the G.W.B. onto the Palisades and on up to Route 17. Route 17 is as much a part of Catskill fishing as the rivers themselves. It is a lonely highway at night, but I kept company with a milk truck that was making its run up to the many dairy farms that dot the Catskill countryside. I enjoy riding on this highway; especially the sections that wind along the banks of the rivers and all of the route is open road with no traffic to give you a migraine. There is, however, a ridiculous light at Parksville that always seems to be turning red as you approach it and there is the notorious Wurtsboro hill that claims the lives of many four cylinder cars and cumbersome motorhomes. But for most of its length, Route 17 is a pleasure to drive on; perhaps that is why it is considered America's most scenic highway.

As the night advanced I made my way further into the mountains finally pulling my car off on the side of the road just outside of Hale Eddy. Morning was only six hours away and I would spend the night parked along the tracks of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad, waking every so often to run the car and get some heat into my bones. The next two nights I would spend in a motel, but for now I must rough it till the morning.

With morning on the move, I went down to the river and began to fish. A deer had been drinking by the riverside, but quickly disappeared into the cover when he saw me. I had left my fly rod in the car (conventional fly fishing being a not-so-productive method of fishing early in the season) and had chosen the spinning rod instead. I thought of using worms, the old Garden Hackle Fly, but instead opted for a silver Phoebe spoon and began to cast.

The first few casts brought nothing so I studied the river for a moment while I lit my pipe. I noticed a dark shadow in the water not 10 feet from where I was standing and, out of the corner of my eye, I detected a slight movement darting beneath the surface. With my pipe billowing its fumes about my head, I threw the spoon cross current letting it swim erratically like a wounded bait fish.It was then that the rainbow made his advance.

In a moment the air seemed full of rainbow trout; in fact, it appeared that this sporty fellow enjoyed being out of the water more than he liked being in it. With only 4 lb. test between us, the strength of that iridescent trout coupled with the force of the current, made for a battle that took my mind off the numbness in my legs and warmed the very cockles of my heart. By the time he came to net some five minutes later, I had migrated 10 feet from my original position and was now standing in a small shallow by the riverside. With 16 inches of wild trout in the net, I knew that I had just made my opening day a success. "What would the rest of the day bring," I thought, "and the next two days?

As it turned out my expectations were momentarily allayed for two reasons. The first had to do with the five fellows that followed me the rest of the morning after seeing me catch the fish. Tangled lines, splashing around and constant questions all served to make any further attempts at fishing an ungainful proposition. The second reason was a cold front. As the legend tells, a great squaw spirit was given the power to change the weather on a whim by letting clouds out of her wigwam to make thunderstorms, hailstorms and snowstorms. What she sent me was a mixture of all three.

First came the rain and thunder followed by hail and later on that afternoon, the snow. I had only one fish to my credit before the inundation and before nightfall, all of my thoughts of a great fishing trip diminished with every flake that fell. The next day was spent by the riverside sitting in my car, reading an old copy of "The Complete Angler." It was 15 degrees outside and the snow was falling steadily.

Bored with the way things were turning out, I went back to the local watering hole for a bit of refreshment. It wasn't long before I met a group of fellow anglers who, like myself, were seeking refuge from their misfortune. They had been drinking and, as we drank, we talked. I told them I was from Long Island and that I was disappointed with the weather we were having. One of the fellows (Rich was his name) said that the fishing in the larger rivers would be even harder with the rain and the snow we were having so suggested that I try one of the smaller creeks that feed the Delaware proper. I told him that I was unfamiliar with the area so he began to draw a map for me. We all spoke at length on how long we had been fishing in the Catskills and what were our favorite lures and flies, but as the night went on the squaw spirit send a cloud above my head that left me feeling a bit "under the weather."

Well. The next morning came and much to my astonishment it was only nine o'clock when I awoke. My head was still swimming a bit, but I managed to eat a small breakfast. I decided to seek the small stream that Rich had described the night before but it took awhile before the details of the whereabouts of the creek came back to me. I was to head north along a small stream that joined the upper Delaware until I saw a cattle crossing sign shot full of holes. From there I should head down the mountain until, coming to a logging trail, I should go on foot along the bank until I saw an old beaver dam and a large pool. Luckily, Rich had drawn me the map, for without it I would have never found the exact location of his "hidden trout pool."

It was a small stream like the many others I had fished, but somehow it was different. A canopy of pines enveloped most of its length while dark ledges of slate jutted out abruptly into the small rapids. The water was crystalline and here and there, shafts of light made their way through the darkness illuminating what appeared to be the remnants of an abandoned beaver dam. "This is it," I thought. Just in front of the dam was a long narrow pool and finning quietly on the bottom lay a hover of wild brook trout in formation.

"Salvelinus fontinalis," literally, "The Trout of the Fountains," are secretive creatures that capture the imagination. They thrive in pristine waters such as these and are actually a char and not one of the true trouts at all. Once the most sought after game fish in these mountains they have since been replaced by the brown trout and the rainbow. They have been pushed back into these mountain retreats by the encroachment of man who has cut back the temperature regulating canopy from the streamside of larger waters and they now seek refuge in these cooler waters that are always below the lethal temperature of 77 degrees.

Now, standing upstream of the dam I cast a small Dardevle Skeeter up behind the trout. As it passed them, the largest broke formation and began his chase. I let him catch it just before it entered the rapid. He tugged and jerked and did everything a trout is supposed to do. He ran the line out twice toward the dam but each time I managed to hold him back. Finally I beached him on the pebbles and admired him. Blue, red and white flashed from his sides and his hooked jaw told me he was of breeding age so, removing the hook from his lip I returned him to the pool where he resumed his position none the worse for the battle he had just fought.

I fished all day and never saw another fisherman. I caught well over 15 fish that afternoon using everything from spinners and spoons to wet fly and clear bobber combos. Every now and then I resorted to a worm and split shot, but I often found that fish caught with this method are often gut-hooked and have to be creeled.

All good things must have an end but for me opening day is just the beginning of better days to come. I had found the Nirvana that I was seeking and I would always remember this small rivulet in the woods and the trout it holds. For me, the grail I sought came in the form of a crumpled map showing a small stream and a beaver dam but now I would be called upon to face another and even greater test on my return journey home. I would soon suffer the Long Island Expressway during the rush hour, a heinous fate indeed, but the memories of the fine fishing I had experienced would carry me through the gauntlet and back to my home once more.

SPINNING A GOOD TROUT YARN

by Jim Capossela

As delightful a pastime as fly fishing is, it can sometimes get tedious. Leaders get like cobweb, heavy vests get like strait jackets and blood knots at dusk get like trying to park an 18-wheeler in midtown Manhattan.

Is fly fishing starting to bug you? Then just grab a five-foot ultralight spin rod, an old willow creel and a little box full of spinners.

"Spinners" are among the deadliest of all spinning lures. A spinner might be defined as any lure possessing a component that spins. But what we'll discuss in this article is the type of lure represented by the well-known Mepps. In other words, a lure wherein the chief component is a blade that spins as the lure is pulled through the water.

Before selecting and using an assortment of spinners, it is good to know a little about their mechanics. First, all spinners are constructed along a shaft. At one end is a hook—single, double or (most often) treble—and at the other end is a loop to which the line is tied. Since the shaft doesn't swivel (rotate) in relation to the line, the blade *must* spin freely in relation to the shaft. If it didn't the whole lure would spin against the water's current and your line would twist terribly.

Twisted line is weakened line, so the first thing is to ascertain that your spinner is indeed "spinning" and not twisting your line. Cast, reel back in and let the lure dangle four feet below the tiptop. Is it untwisting? If it is, there are a couple of possible reasons. Chief among these is that it may be a cheap lure. Every successful spinner has its imitators, but these half-price specials aren't balanced and seldom operate with precision. Avoid buying them, but if you're already stuck add a tiny, black swivel ahead of the lure.

A second possible reason could be a bent shaft. This is very bad news, because it often seems impossible to get that shaft straight again. This condition will often prevent a blade or other components of the lure from spinning properly and there's not much you can do about it.

Still a third reason for twisted line could be that you're using the wrong lure for the water you are fishing. Not all spinners will function correctly in very fast water. We'll talk more about this in a minute.

Let's say you've keyed in on some good brand names and all operate (or will operate) properly. Then what size do you use? Spinners range in size from minute 1/64 oz. specimens right on up to musky spinners of 1/2 oz. and better. For stream trout, the subject here, you will usually want something between 1/16 oz. and 3/16 oz. Most spinners are given number designations, and while there is considerable variation among brand names, these numbers will often equate as follows: 0 = 1/16 oz., 1 = 1/18 oz., 2 = 3/16 oz., 4 = 3/8 oz. On most eastern streams, I'll use a #1 about 50 percent of the time,but a #0 or a #2 quite frequently. Size #3, which I like for black bass in lakes, is quite big. I use it in streams, but it doesn't seem to take any larger fish while definitely taking fewer fish overall. I believe there is an important fishing principle at work here: the larger the imitation, the more realistic the imitation must be. A spinner is very much a simulative lure as opposed to an imitative lure. Thus, in its bigger sizes, I believe a spinner is more easily discerned as a fake than, say a minnow-shaped lure.

Color might be the next consideration. For years, I wondered why the spinner brands that I liked never came in white. I even tried painting some standard silver and gold spinners white, but it always messed up their action. Now, the selection is bigger. I especially like the Worden's Rooster Tail model with a silver blade, white tail and white scale-like body. I also like copper, an example being the old classic Colorado Spinner. Recently, Panther Martin has come out with a copper blade. I think this copper color is a little more natural and more like real baitfish than the slightly brighter gold. Silver is basic to any spinner selection. I like silver on bright days; on dark or drizzly days I like a black or dark spinner.

When it comes to fishing lures I'm an "eye freak." I like lures and even flies with big, bulging bright visible eyes. To me, nothing in nature

screams "alive!" like an eye, and I believe predatory fish look for and zero in on eyes. Remember, most baitfish in streams are not bright-colored but rather, dull and ranging in hue from golden to brown to dull-silver to almost black. But the eye always sticks out. Thus, in simulative lures like spinners and wobblers—where there really is no head on which to place an eye—I like to see random dots. They can be any color as long as they stand out from the blade or body. The most noticeable dots (eyes) consist of a black spot on some lighter background color, usually white or yellow. Many of the Panther Martin spinners I currently have feature bodies with dots. One of my real pet spinners is a little tiny Panther Martin of 1/32 oz. It has a silver blade, a single gold bead and a yellow body with red dots.

I think a spot of red on a lure often makes a great difference. Red can say blood, it cn also say gills. One of my favorite lures is the Mepps gold where the blade has a white circle over which are painted red dots or stripes. It might be pointed out that many of the time-tested Mepps models have some red on them.

A final important consideration is the shape of a spinner's blade and the way it rotates on the shaft. Here we can introduce some fishing tactics at the same time we talk about construction.

Some anglers use one type of spinner for all water conditions. This is a mistake. Size is, of course, a consideration. In bigger, more turbulent water, you can get away with a bigger spinner. In quieter waters trout will definitely be less spooked by the quiet "plop" of a smallish spinner. But there is another consideration. In fast water, will your spinner stay deep where trout are most of the time? In white water a narrow or "willow" blade will offer less water resistance and stay deeper. Conversely, in slower water a rounder blade will spin more energetically than a narrower blade.

How well a blade spins also depends on *how* it spins. Most spinner blades rotate on a clevice. With others, like the Panther Martin, the blade is threaded directly on the shaft with no clevice. This latter type of blades seems to spin more easily in quiet waters.

Recently, Mepps has come out with a spinner called the Double Cross. The blade on this spinner is actually adjustable to run either shallow or deep.

Some lures claim to set up "sonic vibrations" in the water, and no doubt with the current tidal wave of fish scents, some spinners will soon come with "scent pads" (if they don't already). As far as the vibration business, the Super Vibrax, a very effective spinner made by Blue Fox, has a body that rotates on a gear, and claims to be a tuned bell! As the body rotates, it is supposed to set up sonic

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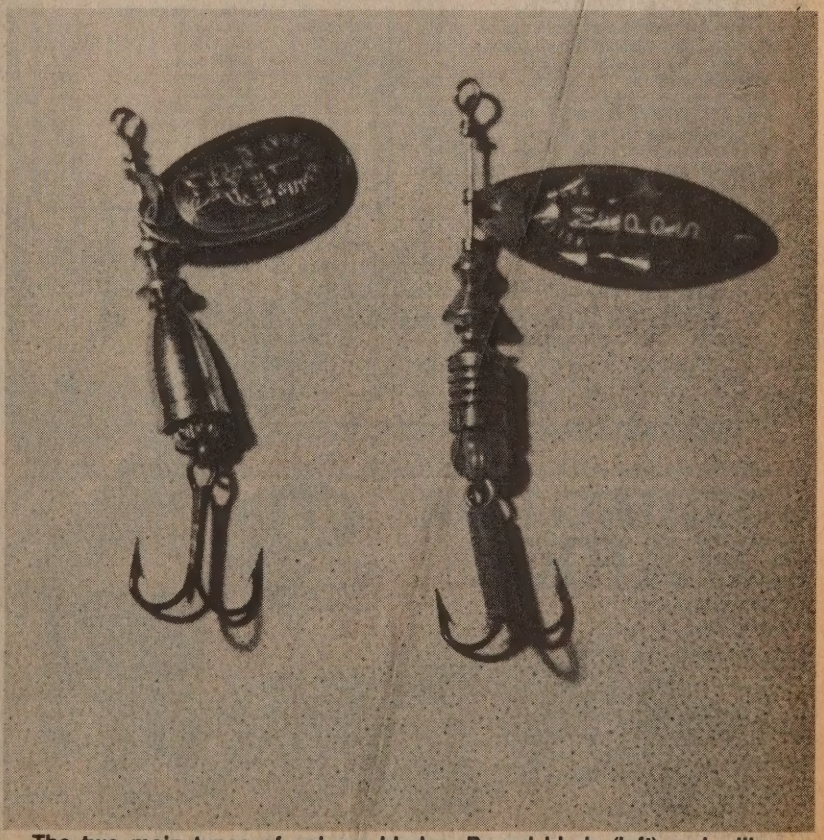
You can bet your last thin dime that a good selection of spinners will produce trout. Shown, from left to right, are Panther Martin, Super Vibrax, Mepps and Worden's Rooster Tail. One of author's favorites, a tiny 1/32 ounce Panther Martin, is at the top.



The two main types of spinner blades: Round blade (left) and willow blade. The willow blade will run deeper in faster water. The round blade may be more appropriate to slower water.

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waves. This and other lures also claim to have specially designed blades that set up vibrations. To me, all these claims are as hard to disprove as they are to prove. As far as I'm concerned, any lure that is actively spinning through the water has to be setting up vibrations (noises).

Here are three spinner tips: Keep the hooks sharp, don't always fish across stream, and fish deeper.

The first tip just can't be repeated often enough. Keep those hooks sharp, but remove the treble and replace it with a single hook if you plan to release many fish.

Across and downstream is the easy way to fish spinners, and that's how most nonchalant anglers work them. Better fishermen, though, vary their approach, all the while casting to *specific* fish or at least to where they think those fish should be. Don't make a lot of errant casts. One cast can spook a big, wary brown so try to catch him on that first cast! To do so, you've got to place that spinner in just the right spot.

Fishing spinners upstream can sometimes work very well. Reel fast if you have to. Try to picture where the trout will be lying (very often where a tongue of fast water brushes against a slower piece) and bring your lure downstream right over his nose. This will intimidate the predator fish and make him strike.

The third tip, fish deeper, is an important one. Trout are down most of the time, so pick a spinner for the water (as discussed) or even add a few small split shot if necessary. In very fast current, use a "dipsy" swivel sinker on the bottom of a three-way swivel with the lure off the horizontal loop of the swivel. Set it so that the lure is a foot above bottom.

Most anglers practice too little "exciter fishing" as one author dubbed it. This means exciting a fish to strike when it's not really hungry or feeding. Fish, like most wild creatures, are extremely territorial not to mention self-protective. If they don't appear to be on the feed, cover less water but cover it much more intensely. Fish directly upstream, bringing the lure annoyingly right over their nose. Conversely, let the lure dangle downstream in the current for minutes at a time, moving the spinner only slightly up or downstream from time to time. Finally, pick a likely holding lie and cast to it repeatedly—as many as a hundred times. If someone dangled something in your face long enough, no matter how lethargic a mood you were in, you'd eventually swat that darn thing away. So will fish.

If you're getting follows or short strikes (a common spinner occurrence), drop down to a lighter line. The difference between 4 and 6 lb. test on trout is amazing. Use 4 most of the time. Go down to a 2 lb. test leader on very tough, bright days. Another way to foil short strikers is by going to a smaller lure, which you should actually try before dropping down to a lighter line.

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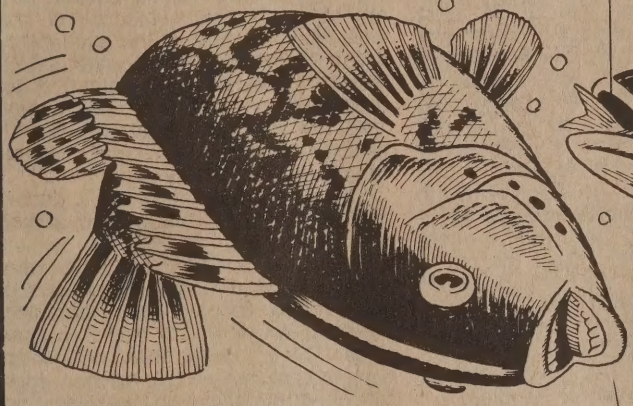

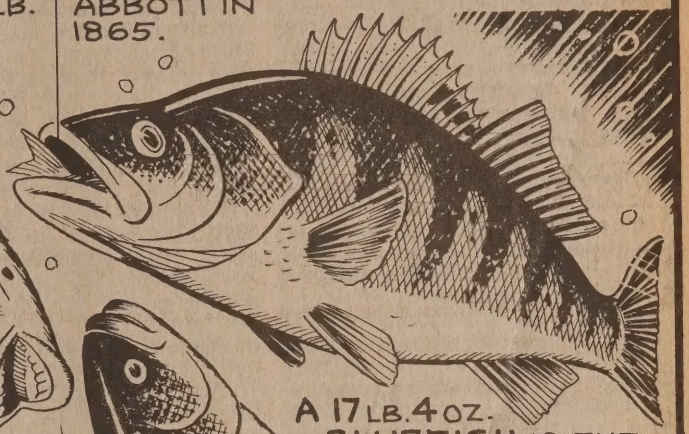

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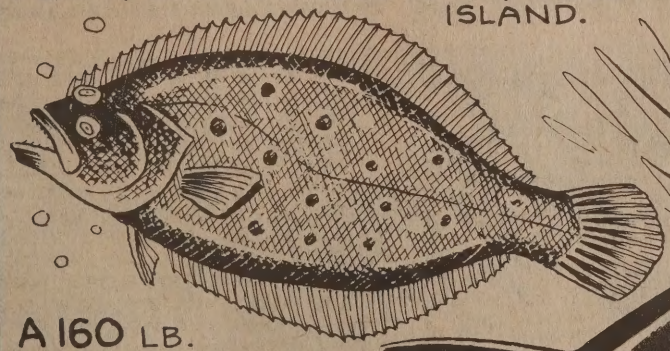

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SALMON EGG EVOLUTION

by J.B. Kasper

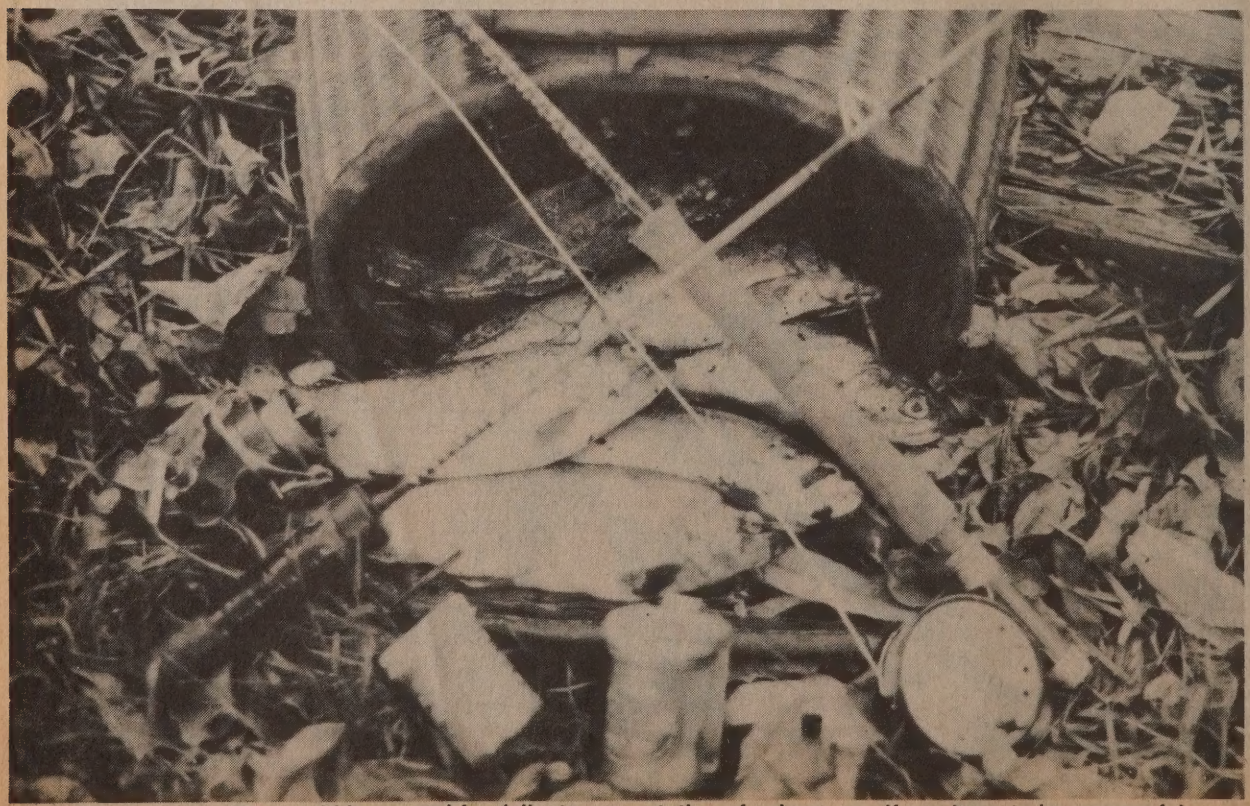
About 10 years ago, a long time friend of mine did an article on myself and a type of fishing that we had developed around the use of the salmon egg. Since that time, the evolution process has continued. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of guiding many fishermen to the excellent trout fishing that can be found in the streams located in the northern portion of the state. Many of them have experienced firsthand the great sport that can be had through the use of the equipment that you will read about in this essay; still more have made this light tackle method a way of life during trout season.

To begin with, the method revolves around the use of extremely light spinning tackle. The noodle rod, as it has been affectionately dubbed, is only 40 to 42 inches in length and the latest ones that are being used have incorporated the most up-to-date materials and construction. I know you are saying "42 inches long? I've never seen a rod that small except on the ice: jigging perch." The reason for this is that most fishermen who are using them have made their own or have had them made by a custom rod builder.

The rods that I use are made from Fenwick and Shakespeare ultra light rod blanks and are made by myself. The Fenwick blank is an SP-541 ultra light blank of fiberglass construction. More recently, I have made one from the lightest Ugly Stik made by Shakespeare, which is a composite type blank. Both have served me well and provide me with the sensitivity and lightness that is desired for this type of fishing. To go along with the small, super sensitive rod blanks, I have incorporated the use of one foot ceramic guides that enable the rod to get the most out of the light lines used in this method, while allowing you to get the most action out of the blank. The handle is made from cork, which I have found to be the most sensitive and lightest material for handles.

Since the rods that I use weigh only a few ounces, matching up a suitable reel isn't an easy job. My first choice is an Alcedo Micron which, by the way, I have been using for some twenty odd years. This is probably the ultimate in featherweight reels and is one of the most durable ever built. It was made in Italy and as of about ten years ago is no longer available in this country (that I know of). Many are still in use. My second choice, and probably a better selection for the newcomer because of its availability and cost, is the Shakespeare Sigma 025. Both reels offer excellent spool drag systems and fast gear ratios. They are also very small and easy to balance with the smaller rod, making them excellent choices.

I know that countless trout fishermen have argued the ancient debate of spinning vs. fly fishing, myself included. But I have found no greater sport or fishing pleasure than fishing with these super light spinning combinations with 1¼ and 2 lb. test lines. These lighter lines are necessary to cast one or two salmon eggs for good distances to the awaiting trout. They also provide the fishermen with the ultimate test of his fishing skills once the fish is on. There's no greater thrill than watching your drag sing out as a good sized trout puts you and your equipment to the test on a quiet trout stream. Other



Fly or spin tackle should be geared for delicate presentation of salmon egg if you hope to be successful.

fishermen and I have landed many nice trout over 4 lbs. using this type of light gear over the years.

Many of the tactics that are used in salmon egg fishing have been adapted from the fly fisherman's book. Even with the lighter tackle that is used by the salmon egg fishermen, the angler still has to know how to fish the currents in order to present his eggs to the trout in the proper manner. The best hooks to use for salmon egg fishing are single barb back gold salmon egg hooks, Eagle Claw makes the best, in sizes 10 through 14. The rule to follow when choosing the proper hook is the clearer the water, the smaller the hook. During the early part of the season when the water is usually on the cold and high side, larger hooks will serve you best. As the water starts getting clearer and lower with the approaching of the warm water season, smaller hooks will be a better choice. Always embed your hook completely into the salmon egg and check your eggs after each cast to make sure they stay like that. Not only does the water clarity determine the size of the hook that you use, it also governs your line choice. The clearer the water, the lighter the line should be.

Split shot is very seldom employed when using salmon eggs in the manner that I am describing. It tends to get hung up too easily, costing you many hooks when using light line and also inhibits your eggs as they drift. Strip lead is a better choice in salmon egg fishing. The proper size piece of strip lead will allow your eggs to drift naturally, getting them down to the fish without getting hung up as much as split shot.

If I had to choose one factor that determines a successful salmon egg fisherman from an unsuccessful one, it would be a toss-up between knowing when to hit the fish as he takes the bait and knowing how to get the proper drift when presenting the eggs. Salmon egg fishing takes a lot of patience and one or both of these factors can throw your game off. The most common mistake made by fishermen who try salmon egg fishing is waiting to feel the fish on the line as he takes the bait. If you have ever watched a trout take a salmon egg, or any other type of bait, you will see that he inhales it in one fast swallow. He can also exhale it just as fast as he inhaled it. As a result, by the time most fishermen feel the trout, he is either gut hooked or has spit the bait out.

The answer to this dilemma is to be a line watcher. The two pound test that I use is clear blue fluorescent, Trilene XL, that provides you with good visibility above the water and almost disappears in the water. Always cast your salmon eggs upstream and allow them to drift with the current. While you are doing this, follow the line with your eyes, letting the line float on the surface of the water. Allow just enough line to lay on top of the water so that it in no way interferes with the natural movement of your eggs as they drift downstream and get closer to or bump along the bottom. As soon as you detect the slightest sharp twitch of your line you should set the hook. By fishing in this manner you will most often catch the trout on the lip and will be able to release him unharmed.

While fishing salmon eggs, always wade upstream whenever possible, staying as far away as possible from productive looking spots while casting above them, and allowing your eggs to sweep into them. When fishing a place such as a stream bend, always stand parallel and opposite the side that the current sweeps against. You should then cast your eggs upstream along the deeper side and allow them to carry into and along the edges of the faster moving water. Trout will always face the current and will allow their meal to come to them. Many anglers make the mistake of standing upstream and casting downstream, often casting the eggs behind the trout. When you fish with such light equipment, the current may start to create a drag on your line; the salmon eggs will be swept to the surface, making them ineffective. This is why it is most important to allow your eggs to drift as natural as possible.

Most of the state's streams are shallow by nature and the best way to achieve the proper drift is to use a double egg and hook setup. The old saying that two are better than one really applies in this type of fishing. The easiest way to tie this rig is to take a length of line about 18 inches long and snell a salmon egg hook at each end. Next, double the line over so that one hook has a leader about 6 inches longer than the other and tie a loop at the top of the rig and attach it to your line using no terminal tackle. This type of rig will allow you to use a single egg on each hook and together they will carry each other to the proper depths along the bottom. If you should have to add strip lead to your rig, you should put it above where the rig is tied to your line.

One of the most valuable pieces of equipment to have while salmon egg fishing for trout is an inexpensive egg lug. Nothing is more frustrating than standing in the middle of a trout stream, trying to hold a rod and unscrew a jar of eggs and having them spill into the water. A salmon egg lug holds a jar of eggs and fastens onto your belt, allowing you to get at them by lifting the lid. Since most salmon egg fishing in done in gin clear water, a pair of Polaroids will help you spot the fish before they spot you.

Using salmon eggs for trout is one of the most effective ways of filling up your stringer, however, most dedicated salmon egg fishermen often catch good numbers of trout and are catch and release fishermen, enjoying the experiences of hooking and fighting the trout more than filling their stringers.

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HOW TO READ A TROUT STREAM

by Andy Gennaro

The knowledgable trouter is well read in the art of fish holding structure.

As long as the hatchery trucks roll, many fishermen have no trouble locating trout. Fresh stocked trout usually stay close to their stocking point, and all a successful fisherman has to do is learn where these points are. In most cases, they are close to bridges and access roads, consequently, very little effort and time is necessary. Some fishermen pick up easy limits on their way to or from work. They always punch in on time and are rarely late for supper!

Catching them is also easy as the trout are not stream acclimated. They are accustomed to regular hand-fed unnatural meals, and the hatchery environment has unnaturally controlled their natural predators. This means they are usually hungry and don't scare easily.

But Mother Nature has a way of changing things, and finding and catching the survivors of these stockings becomes more challenging once they become stream-acclimated. Floods, low, warm water conditions, or the need for security and food, all cause trout to move and take up residence elsewhere. Let's look at this in detail and learn how to "read" a trout stream.

There are three prerequisites to trout survival: comfort, food and cover. Of these, comfort is the most important. The reason being if the water temperature is too warm, it will not have enough dissolved oxygen to sustain trout. Our trout cannot continue to survive and grow without food; consequently, this is the second most important prerequisite. And thirdly, it needs cover and security—protection from its natural enemies. Think about these necessities as we discuss reading a trout stream.

Bridges: A bridge is a good place to begin our discussion since it offers access to the stream. Bridges are also stocking points, but let's ignore that fact since even without help from our hatcheries, bridges attract trout. Why? Firstly, the coolness and darkness under bridges and tunnels provide both comfort and cover. Secondly, storm drains often empty into the stream at bridges, adding to the existing food supply.

Fish the water under bridges carefully, especially deep dropoffs along the bridge abutments. These places often have large holdover browns which evade capture year after year because they are nocturnal in their feeding habits. They're inactive during the day and don't venture forth to feed until after everyone has left the stream. Quite obviously, nighttime is a good time to try for lunker trout, here as well as the other parts of a stream.

The most effective way to fish underneath a bridge is to position yourself on the stream bank or in the stream. It is very difficult to effectively fish under bridges from atop the bridge itself, because the force of the current will cause your bait or lure to rise to the surface. Adding extra sinkers to overcome this will not allow your bait to drift naturally and you will have difficulty detecting bites.

Dams and Waterfalls: Dams and waterfalls are obstacles to upstream migration, therefore, they are often collecting places for decent populations of trout. Years of current flow have gouged out deep pools beneath many of these dams and falls, and the recesses eroded into the dam footings or stream bottom provide excellent holding places offering both cover and concealment. The influx of water brings food, and picks up oxygen as it tumbles down the spillway. Fish the pool below a dam or falls from stream level (rather than from the top of the dam or falls) for the same reasons we mentioned in our discussion about bridges. Pay careful attention to the dam footing dropoffs, faults in bed rock bottoms and the back eddies on either side of the incoming current.

Islands: Whenever an island splits a trout stream, look for good holding water at its upstream point, where the current has gouged out one or both sides, and again downstream where the currents converge. Depending on the topography of the island, its sides may also be undercut providing cover. The current brings food. A pair of Polaroid sunglasses will break the surface glare and enable you to find deep pockets and undercuts. Fish them carefully, and don't forget to fish the smaller, secondary side channels. These sometimes have decent populations of trout, but are neglected since most anglers concentrate on the main stream channel.

Junction of Feeder Streams: You'll often find a pool, pocket or undercut bank where a feeder joins the main stream. Look for trout here, especially during the summer when stream temperatures soar above 75 degrees for any length of time. The incoming feeder brings cooler, oxygen-rich water, as well as food, to the main stream. Many of our streams have marginal trout-sustaining temperatures in summer. Consequently, you'll find trout ganged up at these feeder junctions for comfort. A stream thermometer will assist you in locating these cooler tributaries.

These same feeders may provide spawning areas for trout residing in the main stream. During the spring you may find rainbows and during late fall, brookies and browns, lying in these junction pools prior to ascending the feeders to spawn. Where regulations permit, you might do well fishing feeder streams during these times. Another good time is when the main stream is hopelessly flooded and unfishable after a heavy rain or thaw. Smaller tributaries generally call for smaller baits and lures than you used in the main stream.

Springs: The entrance of springs, like the entrance of feeders, brings cooler water during the dog days of summer. A spring may be an inconspicuous dribble down a rock ledge or stream bank, or seepage on the bottom which isn't visible to the angler. In many instances, the entrance of springs contains the only or biggest trout in that section of stream. Your stream thermometer will allow you to discern between a genuine spring and runoff. Your Polaroid glasses will allow you to spot trout congregated at spring holes. Since comfort is paramount, trout will often forsake food and cover to stay alive during the heat of summer. If frightened, they will return to these springs after a short period of time.

Undercut Banks: We've made a few references to undercut banks in the preceding sections. Whenever the main current flow is against a stream bank, there's a good chance that bank is undercut from the force of the water. This is especially true at stream bends. The deeper the undercut, the more cover it affords and the

more trout it can hold.

Deeply undercut banks lined with tree roots, or undermined with beaver or muskrat burrows, are excellent places to find large trout. Larger trout, especially browns, are cannibalistic and noctural as we mentioned earlier. A steady parade of anglers passes by these lairs during daylight hours, however, the presence of these larger trout is usually undetected.

Fishing undercut banks is not without its problems. First, there's the exposed tree roots which will claim many of your lures and rigs. You will catch some trout if you fish far enough out from these roots so as not to get snagged. However, to really fish an undercut effectively, you are going to have to get underneath it where the big trout lie. Pinpoint casting and quick sinking lures and baits help. When you hook a fish, there's the ever present danger of it wrapping your line around those roots, or diving into a burrow.

Trees: Fallen and overhanging trees offer good cover and the same problems as undercut banks. To fish among the trunks and branches effectively, move into several casting positions and make short, accurate casts. Try to become very proficient in using your tackle and practice pinpoint casting.

If you become snagged, break your line instead of wading in to free your lure or rig. If you don't you will always have a well stocked lure box and empty creel. Save your oldest lures for situations like this, or use inexpensive bait rigs. Keep in mind that the more difficult a section is to fish, the more likely it has been bypassed by the majority of fishermen and the more likely it is to hold fish.

Stream Improvement Devices: Generally speaking, stream improvement devices protect trout habitat, provide it, or create it by deflecting the force of the current flow. A stream improvement device can be a low rock or log dam which creates a pool, a deflector to change the current flow, or cribbing to prevent the bank from eroding. Cribbing is fished like an undercut bank and pools are described elsewhere in this article.

By deflecting and speeding the current, single or multiple deflectors gouge out holding areas in the stream bottom. Fish these carefully and also the eddies where the fast water joins the slower water. Trout often lie in this slower water and watch the main current flow for drifting food.

Rocks, Boulders and Pocket Water: Look for trout on all sides of exposed and submerged rocks. The areas directly in front and behind have cushions of slower water because of the way the rock splits the current. A trout can lie in these cushions of slower water without expending energy fighting the current and still watch for food in the main lines of drift. The cushion in front of rocks is not as obvious as the areas alongside and behind; consequently, many fishermen overlook it. Fish each rock separately and carefully. You'll often have to wade into more than one casting position to effectively fish rocks and may have to cross the stream to fish their far side.

A profusion of big rocks in fast current creates what is known as "pocket water." Look for trout in holes or "pockets" between these rocks. The most effective way to fish pocket water is by wading into lots of casting positions, and making short casts and drifts. The speed of the current, depth and small size of the pockets dictates the use of lots of split shot close to your bait to sink it quickly and keep it close to the bottom. Make your casts up-and-across so your bait has time to sink before entering the pocket. It's harder to work lures in pockets, but weighted or unweighted spinners can be used with some success. Fishing upstream with dry flies is a popular and effective way to fish pockets.

Ledges: Rock ledges offer cover as well as a food source. Ants, beetles, damsel flies, snails and aquatic insect nymphs are amng the food forms provided by ledges. Like undercut banks, the ledges are also sometimes deeply undercut and frequently harbor larger trout. The face of a ledge often has protrusions and recesses which break the current and create little back eddies. Trout will lie in these back eddies, out of the main current flow, so fish every irregularity on the face of the ledge carefully. In larger back eddies, you'll often find trout actually facing downstream, as they are facing into the reverse current flow within the eddy.

You may also see wet spots from spring seepage on the face of the

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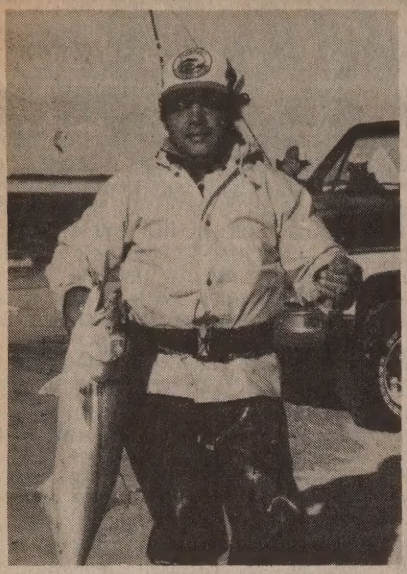
Undercut banks like this one often harbor large holdover trout.



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rock ledge. If so, look for trout ganged up at these points when the stream temperature reaches the high 70s. Make your casts tight against the ledge so your drifts and retrieves are along its base where the best cover usually is. But don't forget to also fish the water out from the ledge as this should hold trout, too. Fish all of the water in a systematic manner, but really concentrate on the water which looks like it provides the best hiding places for trout.

Riffles and Runs: Riffles are stretches of fast, oyxgen-laden water between pools. They generally have smaller rocks than pocket water. A run is a deep riffle with a slicker surface, or you could call it a fast moving pool.

A riffle is food factory and this abundance of insect life often lures trout up out of the deeper pools below. This is especially true during a hatch of aquatic insects, or after a heavy rain. Fish a riffle with a series of successive casts, fishing the closest water first. Pay special attention to the deepest portions of the riffle and areas where larger rocks show their presence.

Since the water in the typical riffle isn't real deep and has a stony bottom, don't use too much split shot. Use just enough to provide casting weight, sink your bait and let it drift naturally along the bottom. Becoming snagged on every drift is an indication you should lighten up. Spinners, streamers and wet flies can be used by casting down and across stream. Up and across casting and weighted spinners or flies, aren't desirable in shallow riffles. An effective, snag-proof way to fish riffles is with buoyant, easy to see dry flies.

A run has some depth, therefore, we may have to use more split shot to sink our bait than when fishing a riffle. Up and across casts help us sink our baits quickly, so they drift a longer distance along the bottom. Weighted spinners, spoons and flies also have their place here. Dry flies can be good, especially during a hatch, or when the run is shaded by overhanging trees. The bushy dries we used in riffles gave way to more conventional ties and terrestrials when fishing a run.

Regardless of what you use, fish *all* of the water, not only the deepest portions of the run. Fishermen have a tendency to only fish the deepest water, consequently, the shallower portions get litle pressure and oftentimes hold fish when the "trouty" sections are fished out.

Pools: The head of a pool or "hole" is one of the best places to fish, as here is where you'll find trout waiting for food washed down from the riffle above. Most fishermen realize this, and here is where you will find them concentrating their efforts. This is a good place to fish bait or flies with a natural drift or float. Make your casts up and across, starting where the riffle enters, and gradually working deeper into the pool.

The body of a larger pool may be

too wide, deep and slow to fish bait with a natural drift. Still fishing with live minnows is an effective way to take trout here. Deep running lures and flies, or rigged dead minnows, are also effective, unless the trout are feeding on some sort of insect hatch. In the latter case, long, fine-tippet leaders are necessary on slow, clear water pools where the trout have a tendency to be skitterish and can more readily detect a fraud. Make your casts down and across so the fly drifts over the fish before the leader. The depth of a pool often holds braggin' size browns which only feed at night and that is a prime time to try for them.

Pools with silty bottoms are often weedy during the summer months. The weeds are rich in food such as snails, shrimp, cress bugs and nymphs and they furnish cover where trout can escape their natural enemies. Look for trout in channels between these weed beds where they live with a sense of security while waiting for food to drift or swim by.

These channels are where you should concentrate your efforts. A fresh, squirming bait is excellent to use in this situation. Dry flies, shrimp imitations and nymphs are also good. Diving lures, heavy lures and those with treble hooks, are not recommended as they will continuously become snagged or pick up strands of weeds. Live minnows may be difficult to fish in weedy pools for this same reason.

A lot of fishermen ignore the shallow tails of pools. This is a classic place to find large trout feeding at dusk or dark. A live minnow, big streamer or pair of big wet flies, often work well here. Sometimes, big bushy Wulff type dry flies, or a Muddler Minnow dragged across the surface so it makes a V-wake, also work well. Of course, if you see trout feeding on hatching insects, or those which are dying on the surface after laying their eggs, match the natural.

The most important advice I can offer is to be observant, fish thoughtfully and explore all the water. By this I mean you should always watch for signs of feeding trout (a rise, flash or wake), or watch for trout and trout holding spots with your Polaroid glasses. Place each cast carefully and have a positive mental attitude that every one will produce a strike. Random, haphazard casting, with a negative attitude, is not really fishing and, in fact, is a waste of time. Fish all of the water and the close water first. Many is the fisherman who wades deeply into a pool to fish its far side and scares and/or ignores most of the fish population in doing so.

Finding trout in a stream is vital to scoring on a consistent basis. Many fishermen don't fish where the trout are; consequently, they don't take many fish. Keep in mind that trout must have comfort, food and cover for survival. Look at a stream with these prerequisites in mind and you'll find trout.

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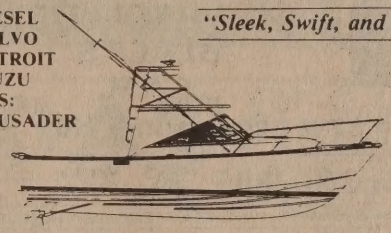
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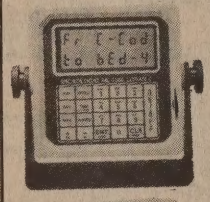
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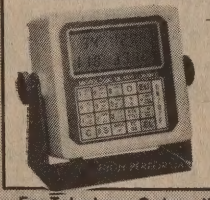
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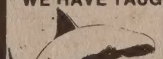
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East End REPORT
with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Some sure signs of spring at Montauk with schools of herring and sand eels converging upon the area. They will soon be followed by codfish. The usual early flounder spots are beginning to produce as east end bays and creeks are warming up.

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Captain Richie Rade had a decent day on the **Marlin IV** on Sunday, when fifteen anglers caught approximately fifty-five cod. All the fish were caught on bait, with the biggest fish about twenty pounds. A reminder that the **Marlin IV** will sail Friday, Saturday and Sunday and holidays for cod, and will sail Easter Sunday.

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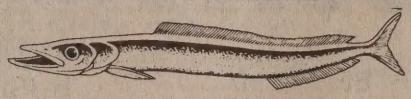

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According to a spokesman at the **Montauk Marine Basin**, while cod catches were on the slow side on the inshore grounds, all signs point to an increase in catches as lots of bait is moving in to the area.

The **Viking Starship**'s recent offshore Georges Banks trip was cut short by a fierce storm. However, in the six hours the seas were fishable, twenty-five anglers caught about three hundred cod, mostly small fish, two at a time. Steve Chimblar managed thirty-three cod, while Bob King of Manhasset copped the pool with a fourty pound cow. A reminder that the next extended "Captain's Choice" trip is scheduled to depart March 31st. Five spots are available. Call for details.

Approximately 125 cod were caught on Saturday, sixty on Sunday, fishing near Cox's Ledge on the **Starship**. Captain Paul Forsberg noted the activity of three feeding whales and large schools of herring and sand eels.

Maureen Sennefelder pointed out that a few last cosmetic touches are being made at **Gone Fishing Marina** on the new addition. A tremendous amount of tackle will be on display. Although the marina will be in full operation by mid-April, the launch ramp is now ready for early fishermen. On Saturday, Joe Brittman, an East Northport resident, located three codfish, all in the twenty pound range, fishing on his marina based boat "Restless". The cod took clam bait at the Cartright grounds.

Captain's Cove Marina is open and completely stocked with boating supplies for spring startup. Joan said that most charter captains are very busy working on their boats, many of which will be ready to go after Easter.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** is freshly returned from Florida and booking charters for the upcoming season. He can be reached at 516-668-5760.

SOUTH FORK

Jerry at **Harbor Marine** in **Three Mile Harbor**, says things are still a bit slow, however, flounder in this area generally show signs of activity about the first week in April.

The **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II** will begin flounder fishing this Friday at 7:00 a.m. and will sail daily except for Easter Sunday. Captain Artie Lach has heard of flounder stirring at Cedar Point and other early spots and will fish local Peconic-Southold bays for these early fish.

A few rental skiffs ventured out last weekend from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor**, and according to George Pharaoh, came back with up to a dozen flounder a boat. Best action was under the bridge in the cove, with deep (fifteen foot) holes the best spots. The fishing station is in full operation, with live and frozen

baits ready for the Easter flounder run.

Thom Speckenback heard of good flounder action in Northwest Creek on the north shore, Heady Creek on the south shore, and Redwood Creek in Sag Harbor. Anglers returning to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** also spoke of an increase in flounder catches in the Shinnecock Canal, Particularly on the south side of the Montauk Highway bridge. The tackle shop will be open week days at 6:00 a.m. and has a wide assortment of fresh and frozen baits.

A couple of marina boats berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton** found Heady Creek the best bet, after trying Quogue and Peconic Bay first. Walt Roskoski and his friend Dennis Stock located thirty-five flatties, while Bill Hichak, his son Billy, and Lou brought home sixty flounder.

The youngster reported catching flounder at the Shinnecock Canal last Monday, was located and identified as six year old Tosh Luerssen. Tosh put twenty-five keepers into his bucket, which when weighed was twenty-three pounds. His "station" is the southwest corner of the canal, under the Montauk Highway Bridge.

Ted at **Three Aces Fishing Center** in **Hampton Bays** remarked that flounder action was fair in the Quogue Canal, near Buoy 7A, the Shinnecock Canal, with Heady Creek also holding flounder for boatmen.

A note that Buoy 7A has been removed by the Coast Guard as a money saving measure. Check your charts for its former location (off the Golf Course).

Last week, anglers discovered that the flounder seemed to move around in the Quogue Canal, and were located in different spots daily. Many of us found them at the west end, near Buoy 54. Tony DeVito and Bob Maki fished a thirty foot hole south east of Buoy 54 last Tuesday using heavy clam chum and mussel and worm bait. Their catch was sixty keepers, many over a pound.

Video footage of Quogue Canal flounder fishing will be seen on Long Island Fishing Report with Lorry Mangan, Friday at 7:00 p.m. on WLIG-TV (UHF Channel 55).

Young Philip Terrano with his first fish, a nice flounder taken from the banks of the Shinnecock Canal. Subscriber photo.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Despite a blast of frigid air late last week, flounder fishing continued on the upswing in this area, with pretty decent run of fish now under way. With mild weather forecast for much of this week, Easter Weekend could be a banner one with the flatties.

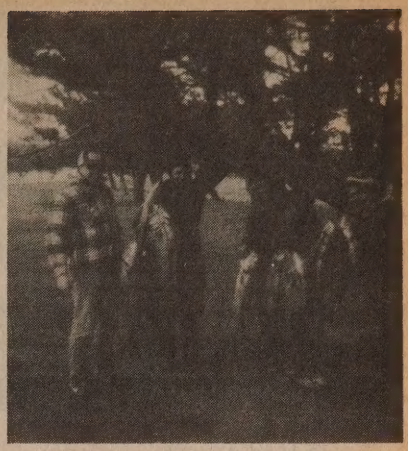
MORICHES BAY & INLET

While some good reports continue to emanate from the Quogue Canal, the fishing appears to be going into a transition stage as smaller flatties are beginning to dominate the action here, while bigger fish are beginning to settle into the bay.

Captain Ron Schleuter of the Moriches based open boat **Alma** reported a fair pick of flatties on Saturday with catches averaging a half dozen keepers per man. The skipper worked the buoy 54 area in the Quogue Canal and noted the best action took place on outgoing water and sand worm baits. On Sunday's AM trip, fares averaged 3 to 8 flatties apiece in the same buoy 54 area. Bloodworms had the edge on Sunday. Captain Ron reminded that the Alma will be sailing its regular full day schedule on Good Friday and Saturday and its half day trips on Easter Sunday. Sunday's sailing times are 7:30AM and 1PM.

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches Gary Grunseich reported that action in the canal was picky on Saturday with smaller fish dominating the catches. Action in the canal continued slow on Sunday, but the day also witnessed the first nice showing of big fish in the bay itself. Working between buoys 27 and 29, Matt, John and Charley Viol put away 67 big flatties between 1 and 2½ lbs. They told Gary that they caught fish on both the outgoing and the beginning of the incoming tide.

According to Larry Duckman of the new **Las Brisas Fishing Station** in East Moriches, Mike Faricis and his son totalled 30 flatties fishing near buoy 52 in the Quogue Canal on Saturday. They used sand worms. Another rental skiff returned from the same area on Sunday with 18 flatties. Tony Farrell of Bay Shore worked buoy 39 in Harts Cove to the tune of 27 nice size flounder on Sunday. While there are still some decent scores being made in the canal, anglers can expect much better quality in the open bay. As bay waters warm this action will continue to accelerate.



Members of the South Shore Anglers Fishing Club with the results of a club trip to Montauk last November.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Joey Modica of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue said that the local docks continue to produce a fair pick of flatties. On Monday, Joey looked over a catch of a half dozen keepers taken from the Blue Point dock by Dean Stahman and Rob Kaletcher. Another customer opted for the banks of the Quogue canal on Tuesday and he returned with 16 keepers. The Quogue Canal continued to produce some decent scores during the week, but the action seemed to peter out over the weekend. One regular by the name of Tony worked the buoy 7A area and found 40 keepers to 1½ lbs. among the 70 flatties he boated. Also during the week, Joe McNare, Jim Culliney and Greg Caltanado racked up 50 flatties to 1½ lbs. in the canal. Locally, clammers have been doing well with the flatties opposite Watch Hill Fire Island and open boats from Captree have been doing a nice job on the fish along the Blue Point line and in the Cherry Grove area.

Al Coleman at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale said that he fished aboard the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty** on Saturday. Fares averaged 10 to 12 fish per man, but what was impressive was the size of the fish according to Al, with nearly all falling between 1 and 2 lbs. Fish were found off of

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Ocean Beach and also in Cherry Grove. Sunday was a day for quantity with some very good catches reported made north of buoy 30 on worms and mussels. The large fish which dominated Saturday's action were less visible, however. Al also had reports of good flounder scores made at the Babylon cut and opposite East Islip, south of buoy 2. On Saturday, Harry Reed, 5-year-old Jamie Reed, 11-year-old Robert Naders and Mitch Rendon totalled 50 flatties using red dyed clams and clam and mussel chum in the buoy 2 area.

Peter Jakits of East Islip continues to stock the family larder with flounder fillets. Fishing alone on Saturday aboard his Rainbow Runner II, Peter worked the first part of outgoing water near buoy 2, East Islip and put away 34 very nice flatties. He returned on Sunday with Frank McNally aboard the latter's Therapy and the two proceeded to take another 37 flounder. Sunday's better action also occurred on outgoing water.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of some pretty good fishing wtih the best days of the week Friday and Saturday despite Friday's frigid temperatures. Neil has been working off of Bay Shore and reported a good percentage of fish falling between 1 and 2 lbs. Worms, clams and mussels have all been productive in the bait department. On Friday, Ray Whitney bagged 33 flatties, while Al O'Brien travelled all the way from Oneonta to bag 29. On Saturday, Chet Levandowski took home 28 nice flatties while Dan Bosman copped the pool with a 2.1 lb. flattie. Neil reminded that his old boat, the **Casey Lee** has been bought by Captain John Bilitski and will be running out of Captree as the **Sea Ranger II**.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** reported pretty decent flounder action on both Saturday and Sunday, though Saturday with its smaller crowd was the better of the two days. Sunday saw 50 fares average between 10 and 15 flatties with a number of fares bagging catches in the 20s. Rod has been working east of Heckscher with mixed size fish dominating the catches.

Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported that shore bound anglers are now taking flatties from both the inlet and state channel sides of Oak Beach. A few being picked from the Robert Moses piers, but the Jones Beach Piers continue to be the best bet for shore flounder hopefuls. On some days catches of 12 to 15 flatties per man are not unusual at Jones. A 2.11 lb. flattie was weighed for an angler fishing the piers during the week.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** said that Saturday was the better day of the weekend but Sunday saw good fishing also. High hooks have been ranging between 25 and 35 flatties. Saturday was noteworthy for the size of the fish being taken. Gordon has been working Heckscher Park and points east.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported consistently good flounder fishing now with catches ranging between 10 and 20 flatties and wtih some anglers managing to do a little better. Carl has been spending most of his time working east in the bay off of Sailor's Haven, Cherry grove and along the Blue Point line. Most of the fish in this area have been of mixed sizes. On Thursday, working off of Bayberry Point, islip, the skipper found a body of big fish. Nine fares accounted for 175 flatties with nearly all of the fish ranging between 1 and 2 lbs. Wednesday saw the pool taken by a 2 lb. 13 oz. flounder. John Gutman was high hook on Wednesday with 27 flatties. Carl reported Sunday's best action occurred near Sailor's Haven and Cherry Grove with 20 fares managing about 200 fish.

Captain CHarlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** was credited with finding a nice body of flatties on the Oyster beds north of buoy 30 in the vicinity of range channel. Fishing there on Saturday, 16 fares put away over 250 flatties from 3/4 to 2 lbs. Hazel and Jack Reed teamed to take 39. Joel Pashkin had 22 and Christian Halaer managed 19. Charlie himself couldn't resist sharing the action and managed to find time to put away 35 flatties. On Sunday a big crowd accounted for over 500 fish. Charlie worked the east bay and then returned to the area north of 30 to make a last drop. It turned out to be the best move of the day as 200 keepers were taken. Henry Clark had 26 fish, Bob Neilson had 22 and 11 year old Linda Solhein had 13. Charlie remarked that the ebb tide continues to produce best and clams, worms and mussels all worked in the bait department.

Captain Ralph Green of the Babylon open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a good day on Saturday working the buoy 4 area opposite Heckscher Park. Ralph thought catches averaged 15 flatties per man with the pool going to a 2 lb. flattie. Bill Salvia counted 20 fish for his efforts, Joe Grasso, 19, and Pat Grasso checked in with 18. He said that Sunday's results were picky as compared to Saturday's action.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Tom Healey reported that he and his son Tom, Jr. joined owner Artie Orlandi and his son Eddie, for a few hours of flatfishing on Saturday. The two father and son teams worked the buoy 2 area off of East Islip on outgoing water and kept 21 of the 30 flatties landed. They used clam chum and worms. Tom also noted that he seemed to have the edge in action due

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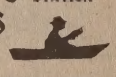
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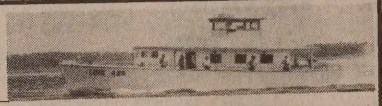

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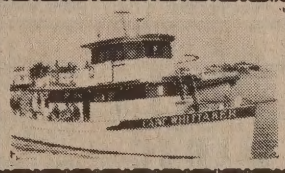
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to the addition of Glo beads on his rig. His thoughts may have been confirmed by Billy Mahler who found himself bailing flatties aboard Captain Doc Grell's Moby Dick, while other anglers just picked away. The difference according to Tom was a miniature Glo Stick rigged above Billy's sinker. He figured the Bay Shore man outfished the rest of the crew by a 4 to 1 margin. Augie's does have a stock of the small Glo Sticks available for those looking to give this technique a try. Tom reported weighing a 1.8 lb. flounder for Ken Olsen on Sunday. It was taken aboard the My Mary near buoy 2. A reminder that Captain Bob Rocchetta, Sabre Rod rep, along with Jerry Schnur of Reliable Gaffs will be on hand at Augie's between 10:30 AM and 3PM on April 12th. Bob will discuss tuna tactics and tackle as well as demonstrate stand-up fighting techniques. Jerry will be available to dicuss gaff use and selection.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** had no specifics to report but did have some decent flounder reports filtering in from Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and Copiague Hole. He also knew of a catch of 30 big flatties made in Dickerson Channel on Saturday.

Speaking from **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague, Chester Shew reported a catch of 60 flatties between 3/4 and 1 lb. for Bill Biscardi on Saturday. Also Saturday, Ken Smelser checked in a catch of 40 big flounder ranging between 1 and 2 lbs. which Chester suspected came from the Snake Hill channel area. Sunday saw George

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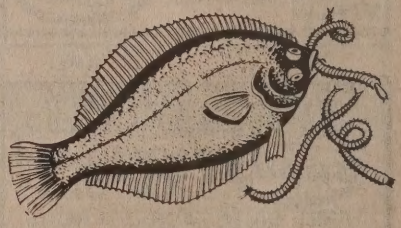
Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor reported a catch of 30 flounder on mussels for Fred Walters of the Reel Affair on Sunday. Fred fished Massapequa Cove. During the week, Dick Kissel scored with 20 flatties in the State Channel at Gilgo while Joe and Pat Grasso reported 15 flatties from the Tanner Park Pier on bloodworms. On Sunday, Tom Von Voight worked the banks of the Quogue canal in the vicinity of the first bridge and put away 30 flatties using bloodworms.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale said that Angelo DiTuri and Frank Annibell scored with 12 big flounder in Snake Hill Channel just east of buoy 3 on Saturday. The fish were taken on the flood tide. Frank knew of several boats making 30 to 40 fish catches in Massapequa Cove on Saturday and he also knew of good scores made by boatmen working opposite East Islip and Heckscher Park.



West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

With more favorable winds, air and water temperatures this week, the flounder fishing has become noticeably more consistent. Most fish that we have heard of have been of the non-throwback variety with catches being made in both the inlet, main channels and in the back. In other words, fish are scattered all over the inside. Just a few cod reports this week from private boats fishing anywhere from 60 to 80 feet of water, wtih small catches of teen sized cod to show for their efforts. Spring seems destined to really descend on us by this weekend and the warm air and water will combine to draw out both

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We hear from **Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle** in Seaford of good floundering this past week with best results in Massapequa Cove. One customer had 35 and another bailed 60 on a full day on the water. Bloodworms and mussels were the ticket and plenty of chum said Lon.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** we learned that Sunday and Monday of the past week were very good for the skiff rentals. Two boats taken out by the Bellmore Rod and Reel Fishing Club brought back over 100 good flounder, while on Monday the skiffs averaged about 35 per boat. Action slowed during the week due to the winds, but bounced back on Saturday with rentals getting anywhere from 10 to 35 nice flounder. Things slowed down a bit on Sunday but catches were still good. Best area was the east and west sides of Massapequa Cove. Fish have been mixed to 2 pounds. Best baits have been worm and mussel on incoming water, heavy on the chum.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** described the week's floundering as good to very good. Action was decent again in the Merrick Bay area, particularly in the deeps. Jones Inlet's buoy 8 was very good at slack, worms working best. Massapequa Cove was very productive all week long. On Tuesday, Alfred Anuszewski Sr and Jr had 40 flatties to 2 lbs. fishing just east of the first Wantagh. Saturday saw Mike and Frank Falco with 28 flounder to 1½ lbs. fishing Merrick Bay on outgoing water using bloods and plenty of chum. On Sunday it was 65 flounder for Al Cullen and Frank Lobmeier who fished Merrick Bay on

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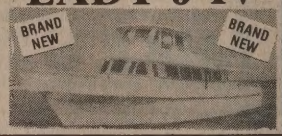

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mussel bait and mussel chum. A few cod on the weekend for private boats working in 70 foot depths south of Jones. Catches averaged 3 to 6 a boat of fish in the low teens on clam, anchored up.

To the west in Merrick, **Garan's Tackle** told of Bill DeSeve and Emmett Dowd taking 40 flounder off Massapequa up to 1¾ lbs. Friday. Customer George Bache and wife hoisted 22 flounder fishing East Bay at Nicks Point, fish to 2 lbs. They fished incoming with mussels and bloods and a lot of mussel chum.

Out of Freeport, the open boat **Captain Andy II** told of some nice flounder catches, particularly on the weekend. The skipper said while the numbers were fair, the quality was very good with fish up to 1¼ lbs., all action local in the back and hitting the inlet for the changes of tide.

Both the **Starstream II** and the **Super Spray II** are nearing the completion of their yearly maintenance and repairs on the boats and should be sailing again very shortly. Stay tuned.

Over in Point Lookout, word from skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** is that he's been doing some pretty decent floundering just a little to the east, working mainly Squaw, Amityville, Seaford and Massapequa areas. On Saturday's trip, Doug Jackson of Manhattan had 18 flounder to 3 lbs. 2 oz. Sunday saw Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury with 28, while Steve Sweet of Jamaica bagged a 2 lb. 8 oz. fish. Al said you had to work for them and best catches were made with light hooks and light line. The week's south winds pushed colder water into the bay for Sunday and kept it from being ultra-productive. Al said he has not seen any throwbacks in the last two days of fishing, which were Saturday and Sunday. There were several double -headers over the weekend also he said.

A call to the **Miss Point Lookout** brought forth a description of this past week as ''inconsistent'' from Captain Ron Murray. Monday was fair with 14 being high hook for the day. On Tuesday, Earl French a regular, also had 14 as did Carl Swanson. Thurday's AM trip had Joe Perichettei with 24 fish while the hot catcher was Joe Fretterd with 44. Best action was at the change of tide in Jones Inlet. On Thursday's PM trip regular Jimmy bagged a 2 lb. pool winner. Saturday AM LIF subscriber Bill Kirchstetter took the pool with a 1½ lber. The weekend fell of slightly said Ron but warmer weather will get the catches hopping again. Best catches were in the inlet and Reynolds Channel on worm/mussel combos. The new **Miss Point Lookout II** will be arriving very soon, so keep an eye peeled.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** it is learned that on Saturday Pito Kenatkinson and pal Willie socked it to 10 good flounder at the Coast Guard station on clam and mussel bait. Sunday saw Joe Fretterd and Ron

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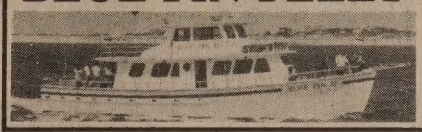

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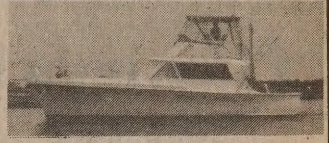

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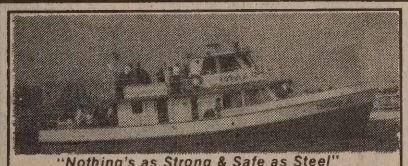

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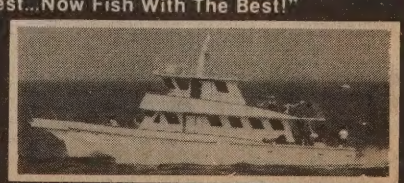

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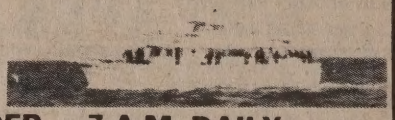

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Lagerman of the Bronx with 20 flatties all on mussels taken in Reynolds just west of the Point Lookout bridge. Incoming water has been best.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** haD a half dozen boats out on each of the days of the weekend and says while the numbers of fish weren't great, the sizes were nice, fish averaging 1½ lbs. He weighed in a 3¼ lber. for one customer who concentrated on Swift Creek, who also had a small pail full of flounder. Buoy 17 in Reynolds was also very good, 18 fish for one skiff, fish 1 to 1¼ lbs. The piers west of the Point Lookout bridge have also been productive on the last half of incomin and the first half of the ebb. Worm and clam have been best and you've got to chum.

We hear from Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in Franklin Square that Eric Jensen of Manhattan won the flounder gift certificate and Steve Cornetta won the cod gift certificate, taking 3 cod at Cholera in the low teens on Sunday chumming on open bottom in a private boat. Fred said all other flounder reports for the week have been mixed according to his customers and that he has a full supply of bait and chum in stock.

We hear from Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook that Alex Vakselis of Richmond Hill on Wednesday fishing off the Jones Beach piers bagged 20 flounder fishing straight up and down right next to his chum pot with worm and clam as hook bait. The tackle dealer also said that floundering has been fairly good in Bay Park and nearly all the back bays. Fish are all around but chumming is a must.

We hear from **Long Beach Sports Marina** of some flounder being caught in Reynolds and in the back around Bay Park with some action off the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. The station will be opening on Thursday of this week.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay says the main action on both north and south channel bridges on any moving tide has been few but large flounder running from 3/4 to 1 lb. on blood worms and mussels.

To the West in Sheepshead Bay, the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** is off the flounder action starting in the Navesink River on the Jersey side with a few smaller fish being taken in Jamaica Bay. Blackfishing remains good with fish averaging 5 to 6 lbs., best action at 17 Fathoms and Seabright. Good catches of small ling at the local wrecks.

From Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** comes word that the flounder fishing on the weekend was best on the afternoon tides. Saturday's high hook was 32 flounder up to 1½ lbs. Catches have been averaging 10 to 25 fish a man, with the boat working the Navesink River for the most part.

Worms have been best followed by mussels.

North Shore REPORT with Marty Carrell

With offshore Sound waters still very cold out east, most of the productive flounder fishing was in the western sector. Sheltered bays around Port Jefferson and City Island were the most consistent.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that boat action was non existent but that shoreline anglers were picking. John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** said that action in Orchard Beach Lagoon, Half Moon, and Larchmont had picked up. Chumming is required but there's no need to chum heavily. **Glen Cove Sport Shop** liked the Pier, Dosoris Pond, and creeks all the way along the shoreline. Advice was to cast out, wait, inch the retrieve shorewards, and move twenty feet with each fishless cast. Among the three shops above, only Jack's will be open on Easter Sunday.

Both of the **City Island** party boats, **Apache** and **North Star** will be sailing on Easter. Oyster Bay flatties were larger in the twenty foot depths with some small fish in twelve feet of water according to Pete Anderson. High hooks on good days had twenty to twenty-five keepers, but Dom Cerbone confided that seven or eight keepers looked good on some days. The difficulty was that the fish still were not moving much and it was possible to fish an area out in one day.

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George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** had a few reports of flatties from shallow areas in Lloyd Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor where depths of six to eight feet were warming. Most fish are three quarter pounds. **Huntington Prop** described a

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slow pick off Lloyds, too. Boat action is rather skimpy but should pick up if the sun keeps shining. Although **Four Winds** will not be open for Easter, Prop expects to be open for a couple of hours at least.

Greenlawn Sport Shop will be open on Easter Sunday but **Bowman's** in **Northport** will not be. Ilene Fleischmann reported that Pat Cummings had twenty-two keeper flounder between three quarter pounds and one pound in Northport Harbor. The shoreline, the docks, and the bridge were hosting local fishermen, as was Lilco, where ¾ ounce white bucktails were producing stripers for catch and release anglers.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** had their first five boats of the fourty boat fleet in the water last week and John was happy about "a good start to the season". There were lots of one pound fish near the Old Bridge, in Conscience Bay, and in the Narrows as well as in Setauket. Al Sturges of the **Compleat Angler** in **Miller Place** tried a couple of holes in the shallows of Port Jeff Harbor with good results on Tuesday. He had solid fishing in Conscience Bay but not in the Narrows.

Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** described a chilly breezy Sunday, and getting the docks and boats ready for the first week in April. The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** was sending most of their sharpies to Shinnecock Bay with the Sound waters still only 36 degrees to the east. All the Miller Place, Port Jeff, Rocky Point, and Mount Sinai shops above will have their doors open on Easter Sunday.

NORTH FORK

There was concern at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** and at the **Port of Egypt** that the creeks were slow in waking up. There's some suspicion that the brown tide of last summer may have affected the fall run and sent the creek contingent of flatties elsewhere.

Fortunately, the bay fish in the Peconics are more or less on schedule despite a cold start. One marina boat from **Port of Egypt** had six small fish from Dering Harbor and Conklins.

Phil Loria had an encouraging report from **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk**, too. Despite fishing on the wrong tide over the weekend, both boats that tried Nassau Point had large flatties. Catches of a half dozen and a baker's dozen flounder were logged on Saturday and Sunday. The South Race was quiet.

Larry Ciccotto told us that the **Prime Time III** will begin sailing daily at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17th. John Rainis will be joining the roster as a skipper along with Ciccotto. The boat has the same slip at Orient this season.

Neither the **Port of Egypt** nor **Warren's** will be open on Easter Sunday.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With the Noticeable absence of white perch this spring, pickerel and trout continue to share the early season spotlight. A few bass and panfish are beginning to stir but reports have been widely scattered. In upstate New York waters, brown trout and steelhead action is off to a solid start.

Southard's Pond in Babylon has produced some excellent pickerel fishing over the past week according to Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**. Bobby noted that although there were no large fish taken, most pickerel have been in the eighteen inch range. Over in the north Twin Lake, crappies are just getting underway with a few fish taken on worm baits over the weekend.

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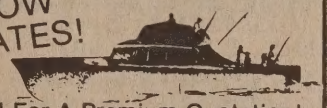

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From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani confirmed the hot pickerel action at Southard's Pond and added that a few small bass have been mixed in too. Gold Rapalas and small spinners have been the ticket with both species.

According to Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, pickerel fishing has been generally good but Eric Holmes found the fish at Forge Pond particularly cooperative. Using a worm and bobber setup, Eric managed five pickerel to eighteen inches on Saturday. George Skully managed to scare up a few white perch this week from the Sunken Meadow canal. A small white maribou jig (one eighth ounce) fooled three medium sized fish. Fred also informed us that steelhead fishing in the Pulaskie River is real good right now. John Klienham had three steelhead to eight pounds and dropped a big brown in two days of fishing there last week. John said that salmon eggs fished on a pencil lead rig was the best bait.

A call to **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, revealed that Frank Bleier of Islip Terrace took a 2.5 pound, 19 inch brook trout from Bubbles Falls early in the week. There are still alot of throwbacks coming from this pool but everyday somebody takes a two to three pound fish. Fishing in Connetquot River State Park has been consistent as usual.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue** reports that a few guys are catching scattered pickerel and a few yellow perch in the local lakes, but in general, freshwater fishing has been slow.

At the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, Al Schreier passed on word that a few crappies and pickerel were taken this week from Artist Lake in Middle Island but not much to get excited about. Worms have been responsible for the crappies and small spinners or Rebels have taken most of the pickerel.

Fishing out east has been pretty slow according to George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**. Mike Jacobs of Wading River used a deep diving crankbait to fool two small bass in Forge Pond early in the weeek but otherwise, no one reported taking any fish this week. George thought there still might be a few white perch at the Riverhead traffic circle for those willing to give it a try. Incoming tide should be the best bet.

From Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in upstate **Rochester New York**, we hear that steelhead action in the Genesee and Irondequoit Rivers and at Webster and Salmon Creeks has been good. "quarter sized" egg sacks have been the hot item with steelheads in the eight to ten pound class. Brown trout fishing is just getting underway with fish in the three to four pound class off Russell Station. Casters working Cleos from the lake piers have also connected with a few browns.

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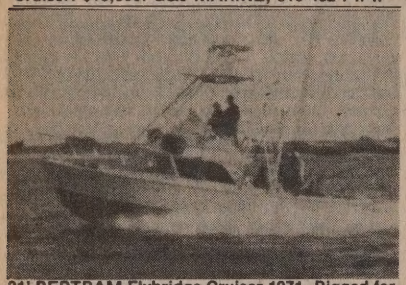

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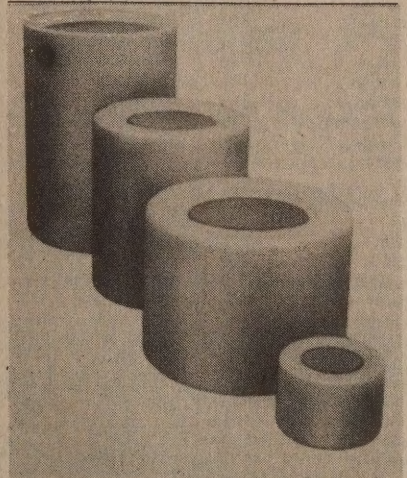

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:30	8:55	9:15	9:40	9:05	9:25	10:00	10:20	11:50	—	11:55	—	8:30	8:50	3/27
FRI.	9:15	9:45	10:05	10:25	9:50	10:15	10:50	11:05	12:05	12:35	12:10	12:40	9:15	9:35	3/28
SAT.	10:05	10:35	10:50	11:15	10:45	11:10	11:40	—	12:55	1:25	12:55	1:30	10:05	10:30	3/29
SUN.	11:00	11:30	11:45	—	11:45	—	12:00	12:35	1:40	2:25	1:50	2:25	11:00	11:25	3/30
MON.	—	12:00	12:10	12:40	12:05	12:45	12:55	1:40	2:40	3:25	2:50	3:30	—	12:00	3/31
TUES.	12:30	1:05	1:10	1:45	1:10	1:50	2:00	2:50	3:40	5:00	3:50	4:35	12:30	1:05	4/1
WED.	1:35	2:15	2:25	3:05	2:15	3:00	3:15	4:05	5:25	6:35	5:05	5:50	1:35	2:15	4/2
THURS.	2:45	3:30	3:40	4:20	3:25	4:10	4:25	5:15	7:05	7:45	6:20	7:00	2:45	3:20	4/3

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+4:03
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/27	5:52	6:20
FRI. 3/28	5:50	6:21
SAT. 3/29	5:48	6:22
SUN. 3/30	5:46	6:23
MON. 3/31	5:45	6:24
TUE. 4/1	5:43	6:25
WED. 4/2	5:42	6:26

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/27	8:25PM	6:37AM
FRI. 3/28	9:44PM	7:05AM
SAT. 3/29	11:03PM	7:38AM
SUN. 3/30	—	8:18AM
MON. 3/31	12:19AM	9:08AM
TUE. 4/1	1:28AM	10:08AM
WED. 4/2	2:24AM	11:17AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/10	3/18	3/26	4/1

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:35	**11:50**	6:00	—
Fri.	6:30	**12:20**	7:05	**12:50**
Sat.	7:30	**1:20**	8:05	**1:50**
Sun.	8:35	**2:25**	9:10	**2:55**
Mon.	9:40	**3:30**	10:20	**4:05**
Tues.	10:50	**4:40**	11:25	**5:10**
Wed.	11:45	**5:35**	—	**6:05**
Thurs.	12:20	**6:30**	12:40	**7:00**

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